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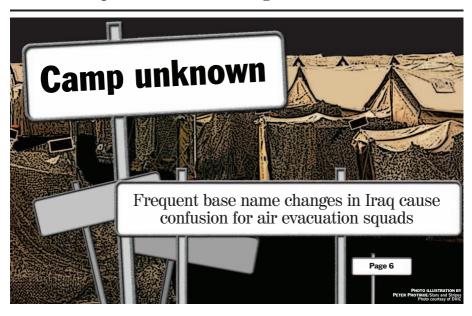
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States

Hurricane Charley damage: Hurricane Charley's strong winds flattened more than 12,000 homes in Florida, but building experts say hardly any of those were built with strengthened construction rules the state adopted three years ago.

In the first test of the new building standards, the new requirements and thousands of new homes stood up to the strongest 145 mph winds.

Oklahoma bridge collapse: Federal safety officials on Tuesday said that an alert system could have warned a towboat crew that its pilot had fainted and prevented the deadly collapse of the Interstate 40 bridge near Webbers Fall. Okla. in 2002.

The National Transportation Safety Board also said fewer people might have died had there been a warning system to alert motorists that the Arkansas River bridge had fall-

The Oklahoma bridge collapse is a reminder that bridges are vulnerable to both accidents and terrorist attacks.

Hospital inspector fraud: A former hospital safety inspector accused of faking his credentials, falsifying radiation tests and miscalibrating mammography equipment at dozens of East Coast hospitals pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal fraud charges.

Perry Beale, of Fredericksburg, worked as a private consultant for more than 50 facilities in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia

Prosecutors said Beale began working in 1988 as an apprentice to a medical physicist and radiation safety officer in Maryland.

D.C.-area sniper case: Convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad complained to a judge Tuesday that his jailers refuse to let him wear underwear and have restricted his access to his legal files.

A sheriff's spokeswoman denied the claims made at the conclusion of a pretrial hearing in the second capital-murder case against Muhammad. The trial is scheduled for October.

Ohio highway shootings: A man charged in a series of highway shootings in Ohio, including one that killed a woman, is changing his plea to innocent by reason of insanity, one of his attornevs said Wednesday.

Charles A. McCoy Jr.'s change in plea from innocent, to innocent by reason of insantly, was being filed Wednesday morning in court, attorney Andrew Haney said. McCoy, 29, suffers from paranoid schizophrenia, according to court documents and his attorneys.

McCoy is charged in shootings that occurred from October through February, including the death of a 62-year-old woman in November.

War on terrorism

Slain Nepalese hostages: Nepal's government imposed an indefinite curfew and appealed for calm Wednesday after thousands of demonstrators ransacked a mosque and clashed with police in the capital to protest the slaying of 12 Nepalese hostages by Iraqi militants.

Protesters also attacked the offices of at



Virginia flooding: Officials and residents look at a sinkhole caused by heavy rain from the remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston in Richmond, Va. The unexpectedly heavy and fast downpour led to widespread flooding that left six dead and devastated a historic neighborhood.

least two dozen agencies that send workers abroad, throwing furniture and documents into the streets and burning buildings.

Terror suspects arrested: Pakistani authorities have arrested two terror suspects, including a man believed to be a senior al-Qaida operative, security officials and the Information Ministry said Wednesday.

The suspects, a man believed to be an Egyptian named Sharif al-Misri and another man of Middle Eastern origin, were arrested two to three days ago in the southwestern province of Baluchistan, a senior government official told The Associated Press on condition his name not be used.

Iraq oil: Iraq's southern oil terminals are fully operational, with exports running at between 1.7 million and 1.9 million barrels a day, port agents and Iraqi oil officials said Wednesday.

A port agent in the Persian Gulf, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that last week's sabotage attacks on pipelines in southern Iraq did not appear to have affected exports. The agent said the terminals in the south were fully operational.

World

Israel bus bombs: Israel is holding Syria responsible for a double suicide bombing that killed 16 people, a senior Israeli official said Wednesday, implying that Israel might retaliate. The violent Islamic Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack Tuesday in the desert city of Beersheba, when two bombers from the West Bank city of Hebron blew themselves up seconds apart in two buses.

Raanan Gissin, a senior aide to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, pointed to Syria. He said Hamas leaders operate out of Damascus. The twin bombings in Beersheba shat-

The twin bombings in Beersheba shattered hopes in Israel that the period of suicide attacks — more than 100 in four years — was over

Thatcher coup plot accusations: Former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has posted bail for her son Mark, who is accused of involvement in a coup plot in Equatorial Guinea, a source close to Lady Thatcher said Wednesday.

said Wednesday.

Lord Bell, Lady Thatcher's spokesman, declined to confirm or deny the report, which first appeared in The Times newspaper.

Thatcher's lawyer says he's innocent and

will cooperate with investigators. **Liberia disarmament:** The United Nations

Liberia disarmament: The United Nations on Wednesday gave fighters from Liberia's 1999-2003 civil war two months to disarm or face legal action.

The fighters have been granted amnesty from the west African country's gun laws in hopes of encouraging them to give up their weapons.

This amnesty will end Oct. 30, the head of the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Liberia said.

Stories and photos from wire services.

Correction

An article in Monday's editions about boys spending time with rear detachment soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division contained incorrect information. Four soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, and two soldiers from Task Force 1-7. have been killed in action in Iran this year. Comics, horoscopes and advice every day in Stars and Stripes

Iraq militants free 7 kidnapped truck drivers

Gunmen fire on convoy of former council member Chalabi

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Militants in Iraq freed seven foreign truck drivers Wednesday after holding them six weeks, while Muslims united behind calls for the release of two French reporters captured by a separate group demanding that France revoke a ban on Muslim head scarves in schools.

Also Wednesday, gunmen shot at a con-voy carrying former Iraqi Governing Council member Ahmad Chalabi, wounding two bodyguards, as he returned from Najaf to attend the first meeting of Irag's 100-member National Council, which is to act as a watchdog over the interim government and help shepherd the nation to elections The council was formally sworn in at the Baghdad convention center, in a ceremony marred by a nearby mortar attack that in jured one person, the U.S. military said.

Port agents and Iraqi oil officials said Iraq's southern oil terminals were fully operational and exports through them were running at between 1.7 million and 1.9 million barrels a day. There had been conflicting reports earlier in the week over whether new attacks on oil facilities had shut down shipments.

Hostage-taking has been one of the tactics used by militants waging a 16-month-old campaign of sabotage, assassinations and bombings seeking to destabilize Iraq and drive out coalition forces and reconstruction workers. Some kidnappers also have taken hostages in an effort to extort ransom from their families and compa-

The Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Co said it paid \$500,000 to secure the release of its seven employees - three Kenyans, three Indians and one Egyptian - on Wednesday, a day after a video surfaced on a militant Muslim Web site showing the purported killing of 12 Nepalese workers kidnapped in Iraq.

The men, who were abducted on July 21 were freed after a team of company employees drove under armed guard to an unspecified location in Iraq where the drivers were being held to pay the ransom, KGL chief executive Said Dashti said

"They (the kidnappers) were not trying to make a political statement. They were purely extortionists," Dashti said shortly after the freed hostages landed in Kuwait

The seven men had been kidnapped by a roup calling itself The Holders of the Black Banners, which demanded the truckers' home governments pull all their citi-zens out of Iraq and that their Kuwaiti employer withdraw as well. It later also de-



Seven hostages, from India, Kenya and Egypt, are seen at an undisclosed location just before their release Wednesday in Iraq. The truck drivers had been kidnapped on July 21 by a group calling itself The Holders of the Black Banners.

manded that Iraqi prisoners in Kuwaiti and U.S. prisons be freed and compensation be paid to victims of fighting in Fallu-

The group repeatedly extended a deadline hanging over the hostages as local mediators worked on a deal for their release.

Last Thursday, the kidnappers dropped nearly all their demands and said they would free the hostages if their employer agreed to stop working in Iraq.

On Friday, Rana Abu-Zaineh, an official at the company, said it had agreed. Soon after, the kidnappers prepared to release

"They told us about two days ago that [we] were being released and we felt very happy, and we did not sleep out of our joy one of the released hostages, Egyptian Mohammed Ali Sanad, told the Arabic television station Al-Arabiva.

The announcement of their release sparked celebrations in their home countries. "My joy today is as big as the whole world. I feel he is born again," said Sanad's mother, Nadia al-Shanawani.

In a video given to news agencies soon after the release, the seven hostages stand against a wall as a masked militant goes down the line shaking each captive's hand, giving him a hug and handing him a Quran, another Islamic book and what appears to be a CD or cassette.

A voiceover warned "all companies that

work with the occupiers of the black destiny awaiting them in Iraq if they continue with this work."

The French hostage crisis persisted, with Arab leaders and Muslims worldwide trying to help save journalists Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, who disappeared Aug. 19 on their way from Baghdad to the southern city of Najaf. Their Syrian chauffeur also vanished.

A group calling itself the Islamic Army of Iraq claimed to be holding the two, de-manding France abolish its ban on Muslim head scarves in public schools. French leaders refused, insisting the ban would take effect when schools open their fall term on Thursday.

Diverse organizations ranging from the militant Palestinian group Hamas, which claimed responsibility for deadly twin bombings in Israel on Tuesday, to Sunni and Shiite Iraqi religious leaders issued statements on behalf of the hostages in a show of support not seen previously in ef-forts to free more than 100 foreigners kidnapped in Iraq in recent months

rance's government has won friends in the region by opposing the U.S.-led war in Iraq and by following generally pro-Arab

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 975 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 729 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of nonhostile

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death eac

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 837 U.S. troops have died — 620 as a result of hostile ac-tion and 217 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Tues

day.
Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 6,916 U.S. servicemembers have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the mili-

■ No new deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by

the military

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Nickalous N. Al-drich, 21, Austin, Texas; died Friday in a vehicle accident in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp

Pendleton, Calif.

Marine Sgt. Edgar E. Lopez, 27, Los
Angeles; killed Saturday in Babil province, Iraq, in hostile action; assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Leje-une. N.C.

une, N.C.

Army Staff Sgt. Aaron N. Holleyman, 26, Glasgow, Mont.; killed Monday
in Khutayiah, Iraq, when his vehicle hit
an explosive, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, Fort
Campbell, Ku.

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■ Air Force Airman Ist Class Carl L Anderson Jr., 21, Georgetown, S.C.; killed Sunday near Mosul, Iraq, in hos-tile action; assigned to the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska ■ Army Spc. Omead H. Razani, 19,

Los Angeles; died Friday in Habban-iyah, Iraq, of noncombat injuries; as-signed to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infan-try Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.

Charges expected against GIs in Afghan prison abuse Army is expected to begin filing Va., would not confirm whether report the wrongdoing

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - About two dozen U.S. soldiers have been implicated in an Army criminal investigation into the deaths nearly two years ago of two detainees in U.S. custody in Afghanistan, a senior defense official said Wednes-

The official, who discussed the matter on the condition of anonymity, said the probe is not yet complete.

The Washington Post reported in its Wednesday editions that the charges soon against 26 soldiers. Investigators have recommend-

ed bringing abuse-related charges ranging from negligent homicide to dereliction of duty and failure to report an offense, the Post

One sergeant has already been charged, the newspaper said

A Pentagon spokesman said he had no information about the Post

Christopher Grey, spokesman for the Army's Criminal Investiga-tion Command at Fort Belvoir. any U.S. soldiers have been implicated in the probe or what units are under investigation. "We do have an investigation

ongoing and are nearing completion of that investigation." Grey said Wednesday.

The senior defense official, who asked not to be identified because the investigation is not yet officially complete, said most of the people implicated in the case were not directly involved in the abuse but witnessed it or were otherwise aware of it but failed to

In Afghanistan, a spokeswoman for the military said it "wel-comes investigation into alleged criminal acts with the goal of determining justice.

"Of course, the accused are innocent until proven guilty," Lt. Col. Susan Meisner said in an e-mail. She did not address the detail of the Post's report.

The military has spent more than a year investigating the deaths of the two prisoners at the U.S. base in Bagram, Afghani-stan, in December 2002, One died

of a pulmonary embolism due to blunt-force injuries to the legs, the other from blunt-force injuries to his lower extremities complicating coronary artery disease.

Most of the soldiers facing charges are from the Fort Bragg, N.C.-based 519th Military Intelligence Battalion and the 377th Military Police Company, an Army

Reserve unit based in Cincinnati Some members of the 519th intelligence unit were later deployed to Iraq and also have been implicated in the abuse of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison that

occurred in late 2003.

Last charge requested as England hearing ends

BY ALLEN G. BREED The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Prosecutors ended a military court hearing Tuesday for a soldier shown in infamous photos of naked Iraqi prisoners by requesting an additional charge of "mal-treatment and cruelty" against

Pfc. Lynndie England. The hearing to determine whether England should face a full court-martial adjourned without testimony from any of the high-level witnesses sought by the defense, including Vice Presi-dent Dick Chenev and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Investigating officer Col. Denise Arn said she would recommend within a week whether England should face a court-martial. During closing arguments at Fort Bragg, Capt. Crystal Jennings, a military prosecutor, read



piled in human pyramids and being forced to simulate

homosexual acts "She was having fun," Jennings said. "There was no indication that she was there for any mili-

tary purpose." The defense has said England and other members of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company abused prisoners under orders from military intelligence agents to "soften up" prisoners

for interrogation Civilian defense attorney Rick Hernandez said outside court that with all the recent reports about problems in military prisons, "obviously Pfc. England was

not acting alone."

But Jennings said there was no evidence England ever was given

an order to mistreat prisoners. In fact, Jennings said, England repeatedly violated orders to stay out of the part of the prison where the abuse occurred.

"If she was given an order, it was an unlawful order" that En-

gland was obliged to disobey, Jennings said. "She was not an MP. She was a [personnel] clerk .. who was not recruited into some secret mission. She was there to have some fun."

England is the woman shown in now-infamous photographs holding a naked Iraqi prisoner by a sh, smiling and pointing at a hooded detainee's genitals and posing behind a pyramid of nude

The Fort Ashby, W.Va., native, reportedly eight months pregnant with the child of another soldier charged in the scandal, has attended all but a few hours of the hearing, stepping out briefly on the opening day to visit her obste-

Military officials have recom-mended charging her with 13

counts of abusing detainees and six counts stemming from possession of sexually explicit photos not involving detainees. If convicted, she could get up to 38 years in

Jennings also told Arn she should recommend an additional charge of maltreatment and cruelty against England. The charge serves as a catch-all to encompass all the individual acts England is accused of and would carry an additional penalty of up to one year in prison and a dishon-

orable discharge. Pvt. Jeremy Sivits has already pleaded guilty in the abuse scandal and is serving a year in pris-on. Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick is set to enter a guilty plea in October.

4 Army generals could pay a price for indirect ties to Iraq prison abuse

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal could effectively end the careers of four Army generals who are linked indirectly to the misconduct but face no criminal charges

The four are singled out for varying degrees of criticism — mixed with instances of praise — in two comprehensive investigative reports released last week. The investigators conclude that the generals

are partly responsible, but not legally culpable, for the abuse

last fall All four are "essentially finished in the military," even if they are not forced to resign, said Dan Goure, a defense analyst at the Lexington Institute think tank. "At the very minimum, you could argue that they lost control" of their subordi nates, he said

The most senior of the four generals, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, already has been

passed over for promotion to a four-star slot as chief of Southern Command because of an expectation by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld that Sanchez would face trouble in a Senate confir-

mation hearing. Sanchez was the top U.S. commander in Iraq until the restoration of Iraqi sovereignty in late June, when he returned to Army V Corps headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, where he is the commanding general

Further complicating his situation is the fact that as V Corps commander he would normally

be the person to make decisions about pursuing possible criminal charges against soldiers of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade who are implicated in the latest Army report. But since his own role in Iraq is under scrutiny, that responsibility may be shifted elsewhere

Sanchez and his top deputy, Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski, are cited in an Army investigation for failure to "ensure proper staff oversight of detention and interrogation operations" in Iraq, specifically at the Abu Ghraib prison where Iraqi detainees were physically abused and sexually humiliated by military police and intelligence soldiers in the fall of 2003. That probe was conducted by Maj. Gen. George

Fay and focused on the role of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade at Abu Ghraib, although it also assessed the performance of commanders and senior staff officers higher up the chain of command

It found no evidence that the abuse was carried out under military orders, or in accordance with any Pentagon policy, but rather was attributed to personal misconduct and, in some cases, confusion and inadequate supervision.

Wojdakowski had responsibility for detention oper-ations at Abu Ghraib but was not based there. Separately, the intelligence soldiers who conducted interrogations at Abu Ghraib reported through Sanchez's intelligence chief, Mai, Gen, Barbara Fast

'These arrangements had the damaging result that no single individual was responsible for overseeing operations at the prison," according to a report by an independent panel of nongovernment experts, headed by former defense secretary James Schlesinger, also released last week.

Fast, Wojdakowski and Sanchez, as well as Janis Karpinski, the Army Reserve brigadier general who commanded the 800th Military Police Brigade in Iraq, are criti-cized in both the Fay and

Schlesinger reports Fast also is praised. The Fav report says she orchestrated a reorganization of the intelligence setup in Iraq after she arrived in July 2003 amid an emerging anti-U.S. insurgency.

The Schlesinger report says Wojdakowski failed to call for more military police at Abu Ghraib after it became clear that more were needed.

It faults Fast for improperly advising Sanchez on operating the interrogation center at Abu Ghraib





conditions at the prison which led to the abuses. failed to ensure that Iraqi prisoners were protected by the Geneva Conventions and failed to deal with ineffective commanders below her. It recommended that

she be relieved of command and given a letter of reprimand, which would essentially end her career. Shortly before the Abu Chrain scandal erunted

last spring, the Army announced that Fast would take command of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and its Army Intelligence Center when she returned from

However she has been back since late July and has vet to be installed as commander.

Desert driving range



Staff Sgt. Lucas Butz, front, and Staff Sgt. Gus Moreno, of Company A, 980th Engineer Battalion, pitch golf balls in the sand of Camp Duke, Iraq, on Monday. In June, Moreno's wife, Amy, mailed golf clubs to him while the unit was based in the Baghdad area. Butz's girlfriend, Lauren Horley, sent him extra sand wedges. The two soldiers fished and hit golf balls while at their Baghdad posting but have to be content with golfing at Duke.

Schweinfurt troops foil Iraq truck hijacking

Soldiers from E Troop, 4th Cavalry Regiment foiled a truck hijacking in Iraq Sunday and killed one of the hijackers, according to a news release from coalition authorities in Baghdad.

The incident occurred about 9:50 a.m. after guerrillas in a sedan seized a semi-trailer truck at gunpoint near Samarra and attempted to drive off, the release said. The 4th Cavalry troops blocked the road and fired on the two vehicles. The truck hijacker was killed. but the sedan escaped

E Troop is based in Schweinfurt, Germany, and has been deployed to Iraq with the 1st Infantry Division since February. From staff reports

Permanent PX to open at camp in Iraq At court-martial, video shows GI

By JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

CAMP DUKE, Iraq - Marines and soldiers assigned in the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit's operating area are finally getting a permanent AAFES post exchange Friday, albeit one of the wheeled variety

Gunnery Sgt. Kurt Dillard, PX sergeant with the 1st Force Service Support Group, has spent the past few days getting a large trailer, known as a tactical field exchange, ready for business.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's store will include about \$190,000 worth of products ranging from electronics and beauty aids to military

clothing and snacks, Dillard said Marines say they're more interested in a long-neck Copenhagen than clean underwear

"We can't get it in the market, we can't get it out in town," said Sgt. Jon Ross. "It'll definitely boost morale.

"Fresh Marlboro Lights," requested another Marine, saying that the local version tastes like they've been around "since the

Duke has been without a PX for just about two months, officials

"Everyone's excited," said Lance Cpl. Michael Crouse of the



Cpl. Gee Vue, of Marine Service Support Group 11, shops at the Camp Duke, Iraq, post exchange on Wednesday. Vue and a few other Marines and soldiers who helped to open the exchange were able to shop before Friday's planned opening.

headquarters command element

The store will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing

only when the store hits the road. "We'll leave here and do what we call a warfighter express ser-

vice team " said Dillard "We actually take a couple of 7-ton trucks with products and go to the smaller camps for a day

"Our first mission is to serve the guys in the remote, hostile areas who don't have access to this," he said. "Our target is once every three weeks ... [but] we'll do it whenever they request it.'

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detailing flaws of Abrams tank

The Associated Press

FORT LEWIS, Wash. - A soldier accused of trying to pass military information to al-Qaida was shown in a videotape at his court-martial Tuesday detailing weaknesses of the Army's primary battle tank to undercover federal agents.

The audio was muted on segments of the tape, and a gray blur obstructed Spc. Rvan G. Anderson's mouth to block what he was saying at times. Prosecutors say Anderson believed the men were members of the al-Qaida terrorist

"I have no belief in what the American Army asked me to do," Anderson said on the video. "They sent me to die."

The second day of Anderson's court-martial was closed to the public for long stretches so the judge and jury of commissioned officers could hear sensitive or

classified testimony.

On the tape. Anderson, On the tape, Anderson, a 27-year-old Muslim convert, offers sketches and information about weaknesses in the M1A1 Abrams and identifies the crew compartment, main gun and other components he described as vulnerable.

Prosecutors attempted to show that information on the tape could have endangered soldiers





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Identity crisis in Iraq: Camp changes confuse

Air crews concerned new names can hinder flights

By LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD Baghdad's Green Zone, now known as the International Zone, may be the best-known name change of a major coalition base

But other U.S. camps around Iraq are shifting monikers also, which air evacuation teams say is causing them problems when they are trying to fly wounded troops out of danger.

"They should just pick names, and have someone say, 'OK, that's it,' said Sgt. Donald Marten, a medic for the 45th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) from Ansbach. Germany, who are now in Tallil, Iraq. "No more changes.

Although pilots use ground controllers and grid coordinates to help them get to their destinations, air evacuation pilots memorize basic routes to various camps in their sectors.

Flying skills save lives because severely wounded pa-tients must receive crucial care before "the golden hour" ends, trauma medical staffs said. If a patient can get to a well-equipped critical-care facility within 60 minutes, his chances of survival are drastically improved.

So for air evacuation flight crews in Iraq, every minute counts

It takes about seven minutes for the 45th to get a helicopter off the ground. Flight time to a casualty averages seven minutes, and it takes another seven minutes to get to the hospital in Baghdad's In-ternational Zone, according to one of the 45th's pilots-in-charge, Capt. Gerald Bonner.

So having to go back and check with a flight coordinator to make sure that the crew is flying to the camp it thinks it's supposed to be going - only to find it is headed for the wrong place - can cost precious minutes and possibly lives, the air crews said

But crews have no say over when a base can change its name, which could be for a number of reasons.

For example, Forward Operating Base Headhunter in Baghdad is now officially FOB Indepen-dence, according to Capt. Victor Scharstein, a spokesman for the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regi-

Task force leaders decided to

If some senior officers and coalition officials in Iraq have their way, all the coalition bases in Iraq may adopt English transliterations of Arabic names.

change the name "to something aggressive-sounding. Scharstein said.

But one specialist with the 153rd Infantry of the Arkansas National Guard, which is part of the 1-9 Cavalry, said he is "not crazy" about the new name.

"We [patrol] one of the worst sectors in Baghdad," Haifa Street, where attacks on U.S. convoys are so common they are the rule whenever troops venture out on missions, not the exception, the specialist said

The soldier, who did not give his name, said changing the name of a camp is not going to change the way insurgents view the U.S. military: "I don't think it is going to make them suddenly decide, 'Oh, OK, they're cool.'

Other posts are going through a re-labeling because the original name came from Operation Iraqi Freedom I units, which have since headed home.

Those early names may have plenty of historical meaning to their occupants, such as the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment's "Camp Muleskinner" in Baghdad, but not to their successors.

Furthermore, some camps have their names changed to honor troops killed in Iraq For example, Camp Muleskin-

ner was renamed Camp Cuervo by the 2nd ACR in honor of Pfc. Rey D. Cuervo of the unit's 1st Squadron, who died Dec. 28.

Two 1st Cavalry soldiers said Wednesday they think that any camps named after fallen troops should honor soldiers or Marines who are part of units currently deployed. But the soldiers asked not to be named because they did not want to seem disrespectful of their comrades' sacrifice, regardless of the unit. Finally, if some senior offic-

ers and coalition officials in Iraq have their way, all the coalition bases in Iraq may adopt English transliterations of Arabic names (not Arabic script), said one 1st Cavalry staff officer who

asked not to be named. Advocates of the change believe that locals would be more comfortable and feel less "occunied" if coalition bases had Arabic monikers, the officer said.

While the idea is in the prelimi-nary "kicking it around" stage, the officer said the notion con-

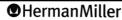
cerns him. "You think it's confusing now. he said. "Arabic is a difficult language for most of us. We are still struggling with the basic [Arabic

phrases1. "Change the bases to 'al-what-er-this' or 'al-whatever-that' ... He shuddered.

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Pilot-in-charge Capt. Gerald Bonner of the 45th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) helps reconfigure his Black Hawk's medical litter carousel before taking off from the unit's base at Tallil, Iraq. When every minute counts in saving wounded troops' lives, air crews say camp name changes that cause the crew to recheck flying routes can cost precious utes. They'd like someone to order camp names to stop changing.





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Runway repairs at Ramstein to boost pace at Mildenhall

BY RON JENSEN Stare and Strings

RAF MILDENHALL, England Air and truck traffic will increase soon at RAF Mildenhall, England, as the base picks up the pace while the runway at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, undergnes needed renairs

Lt. Col. Tim Taylor, operations officer for the 727th Air Mobility Squadron, said roughly 12 wide-body cargo aircraft each week and about 15 large trucks each day will be added to the flow of what will be a two-week increase in the workload.

During normal times, the base would receive two or three cargo aircraft each week and about three trucks each day.

"We're real excited about it, actually," said Taylor, who has been planning for the increase for about one month.

He said it is a good way to show the only aerial port in England is "up to the challenge and a viable option for any contingency in the future.

The runway at Ramstein will be closed fully or partially for about 10 days while it undergoes repairs. It will close on Sept. 13 and open fully again on Sept. 22.

During that time, cargo to support the military on the Continent and in the Middle East will fly to RAF Mildenhall and be trucked to the Theater Distribution Center in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Taylor said.

"We anticipate some delays," Taylor said, as the cargo is carried by truck more than 500 miles from England to the center. But that has been built into the system, he said, and customers "We're getting a significant amount of help from Ramstein."

he said. They're sending about 60 people [from the 723rd Air Mobility Squadron] to help us out," said Taylor. Plus, they will ship cargo-handling equipment forklifts and the like — from Germany to England.

Taylor said the entire base



buses for air crew transportation. The folks in the billeting office have been warned to expect some surprise guests if an aircraft

fuel

breaks. The 100th Services Squadron is on call The 727th AMS employs about 100 Ministry of Defence workers, some of whom have been on the job more than 30 years. Taylor said their experience will be important.

"It's that whole Team Mildenhall concept," he said.

Taylor likened the effort to a big puzzle, with pieces coming and going, by truck and by air-

"The systems are already in place to solve that puzzle,'

"It's just a matter of doing it on a larger scale."

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Several APOs to close Thursday-Saturday

BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Strines

WÜRZBURG, Germany - At least 65 Army Post Offices across Europe will be closed Thursday, Friday or Saturday for organiza tion day activities or the Labor Day weekend, said Bill Hilsher, postal operations director for U.S.

Army Europe. Thursday's closures affect all APOs in the region served by the 38th Personnel Services Battalion,

which includes Würzburg, Giebelstadt, Schweinfurt, Grafenwöhr, Hohenfels and Bamberg.

Friday's closures affect the region served by the 510th Personnel Services Battalion, which includes Vicenza, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Stuttgart, Garmisch, Ansbach and nearby communities.

Saturday's closures affect the regions served by the 55th and 90th Personnel Services Battalions, including Wiesbaden, Hanau, Baum-

tion manager, told customers the CMR would be open Thursday but would not pick up any new mail. Because many communities not listed here also are affected, Hilsher suggested calling the



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Vicenza mourns longtime school teacher

Joe Pellerito cheered, inspired thousands at elementary school

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School teacher Joe Pellerito

Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy - There is no shortage of memories of Joe Pel-

children, former colleagues and friends of the man

who spent al-most 40 years teaching in Vicenza shared some of theirs during a memorial service Tuesday for Pellerito, who died last week at 70 following a severe stroke

"He was Vice nza Elementary School to me former league Mel Cann wrote in a note that was read aloud to the

hundreds gathered in the base chapel.

There were the sixth-grade field trips to Florence, the annual Christmas concerts he organized. gentle corrections on the proper use of English, always picking up the check at restaurants - and overtipping the waiters at the same time

He belted out Broadway music in the hallways of the school with longtime colleague Fred Benanti. He told jokes to his girls basketball and volleyball teams during timeouts to try to cheer them up when the score wasn't in their

A handful of the school's current athletes wore their uniforms to the service.

Coaches other schools attended as well.

Renanti called him the "life of the party" and remembered number of functions he attend-"were, best, until Joe Pellerito walked in.

Friend and golfing buddy Mike Mullen said Pellerito taught

sands of students and coached hundreds more since coming to Vicenza in 1964.

Other than a brief stint as principal in Rimini, he was in the community to stay

Mullen said his friend's list of contributions were numerous, but the complete scope would never be known

"There are accomplishments none of us know about, because he just did the work and didn't

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Joe Pellerito spent almost 40 years teaching students in Vicenza, Italy, before suffering a fatal stroke last week. Outside the classroom, he also taught music and coached girls tennis, basketball and volleyball teams over the years. He was remembered by hundreds of people Tuesday in a memorial service.

take any credit for it," he said.

Not that Pellerito wasn't given any credit. Several colleagues praised him as a mentor during and after the service

"I never attended any of his classes, but he was a teacher of said school counselor John Zaborek

"I was never on any of his teams, but he was my coach."

"There's no way to replace him," said Thomas Ellinger, superintendent for the DODDS Mediterranean district.

Jamie Pellerito sang a favorite song of his father's in Italian. Daughters Becky and Jenny contributed thoughts.

Mary, his wife of 44 years, sat in the front row. She was presented with a flag by the members of the VFW Post 8862. Pellerito, a veteran of the Korean War, met his wife while attending his hometown University of Detroit and taught in the area until moving to Europe in 1962

Colleagues said he was looking forward to the new school year and resisted talk of retirement: "I like my kids. I like coaching my teams. I like what I'm doing," he

Benanti, who related that conversation, said he he had been looking forward to showing Pellerito some progress he's made on the golf course.

"Unfortunately," he said, "my teacher won't have the pleasure of having another teaching success





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6th ASG learning from **APIC** self-assessment

Stare and Strings

STUTTGART. Germany The Stuttgart area did not make the final cut for this year's Army Community of Excellence award. But it was good to get in the

"Now we have a concerted effort," said Ed McCargo, management analyst for the 6th Area Support Group. "We can see where

we need to focus our resources to get better. To be considered for the award, a community had to undergo a self-assessment called the Army Performance Improve-ment Criteria, or APIC. This was

the first year that all communities in Europe were required to do it It forces each group within a community, such as housing or outdoor recreation, to come up with a plan to improve.

"It was our first year for using APIC," McCargo said. "The 6th ASG's goal is to compete in the next [community of excellence contest). Our goal is to learn how to get better.

McCargo said that Stuttgart wants to become the first choice of its "customers" when they look for services.

"If someone moves into the 6th

ASG, we want them to use our housing office instead of using word of mouth or rental sheets to find a place," McCargo said. "For our fitness centers, we want them to be their exercise place of choice because it has the best equipment and facility.

"We did a one-day training for everyone in the 6th ASG so they were focused on what we call 'first choice.' We plan to do that every year, so as our work force turns over, everyone coming in will understand what we mean by 'first choice.' "

The APIC process forces communities to come up with long-term plans instead of quick fixes, according to Glynis Walker, program manager for Installation Management Agency-Europe. Their progress should show up in the community of excellence re-

"We're looking for incremental improvements across all seven [judgment] categories," said Walker, referring to leadership; strategic planning; customer focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; human resource focus; process management: and results.

This year's six community of excellence finalists are the 222nd Base Support Battalion in Baum-409th BSB in Vilseck. 280th BSB in Schweinfurt, 414th BSB in Hanau and 417th BSB in Kitzingen.

The winner will receive a \$2 million prize. Second place is good for \$1 million and third is worth \$750,000.

The winner is to be announced in late September. Site visits by the judges, who are stateside contractors specializing in organizational improvement, are wrapping up this week.

Competing is nothing new for Kitzingen, nor is winning.

The 417th BSB won the Europe competition in 2003, when the prize was \$1 million, and the Army-wide contest in 2001.

Even for a base support battalion that covers a wide swath such as Kitzingen, Würzburg and Giebelstadt, \$1 million makes a big difference, according to Keith Colbert, director of community activities. The 417th used some of its prize money, for example, to renovate its fitness centers and purchase air conditioners.

"In actual dollars, we get to keep about 10 percent of what we bring in [such as activity fees, etc.] to reinvest," Colbert said "That's only about a dime on the dollar, so to get \$1 million was like having \$10 million in business go through our doors.

E-mail Charlie Coon at:

Now that's a game face



A "haka" warrior from the New Zealand frigate Te Mana performs a dance during the ship's visit to Bahrain last month. The Maoris, the indigenous people of New Zealand, perform during shore visits.

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Airman guilty of indecency with girl

U.S. jury convicts Lakenheath policeman for acts committed with daughter

BY RON JENSEN Stars and Strings

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — A teacher intercepting a note passed from one student to another in class has led to the conviction of an Air Force policeman on charges he committed indecent acts with his minor

The airman, a technical sergeant with the 48th Security Forces Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, was sentenced to four years' confinement, demoted to the rank of airman basic and given a dishonorable discharge.

His six-day court-martial was held recently at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., where the girl lives with her mother and stepfather, who also is in the Air Force.

The defendant, 31, who entered innocent pleas, was acquitted on a charge of rape. Stars and Stripes is not naming the the technical sergeant to protect the identity of the victim, who is still a minor. The girl turned 12 during the trial. The acts took place from May 1999 until June 2003 during the father's parental visits in the United States, according to the lead prosecutor in the case, Capt. Josh Bur-

However, there is evidence some acts may have occurred before that time frame, Burgess said.

The trial was held in Louisiana to limit the stress on the girl, who had just begun the school year when the trial started. Also, Burgess said, the Air Force does not have subpoena power over witnesses in the United States for cases overseas.

Burgess, chief of administrative and operations law at RAF Lakenheath, called the acts particularly "predatory and opportunistic."

"She testified that he said she could tell [about the acts] if she wanted to, but he would get in a lot of trouble, and she would probably never see him again," Burgess said

nd.

The crime came to light when a friend.

whom the victim had told of her father's behavior, passed the girl a note during school in January.

A teacher intercepted the note, which made a reference to the acts.

The teacher sent the girl to a counselor, Burgess said, and the 48th Fighter Wing was eventually contacted.

Burgess described the victim as bright and courageous throughout the whole ordeal.

She testified via remote live video hook-up, which prevented her from having to face her father.

Although the case was largely the girl's word against that of her father, "the jury found her a credible witness," Burgess

Burgess said the panel of three officers and three enlisted members deliberated for more than six hours before reaching the verdict.

E-mail Ron Jensen at:

Retiree pay info

Military retirees and annuitants will have access to their pay account information through a new Defense Finance and Accounting Service phone service.

The Interactive Voice Response System, set to begin on Wednesday, gives participants another option in accessing their specific pay information.

There are 37,014 military retirees living outside the United

Customers can call (800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955 to get their information.

The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a seem. Participants will need a Personal Identification Number in order to use the system, and can obtained a temporary PIN at https://mypay.dfbs.mil, by fax at (215) 22:5800 or mail at DPAS-Cleveland/PLAA, attention: myPay, 1240 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44199. From staffreports





2 new channels starting on AFN

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

The grunts on the ground may have a different take on this one, but it seems fitting the first flick on the AFN-Movie channel will be "Ton Gun."

After years of discussions and surveys, plans and tests, the

44 Every program we put on will be family friendly.

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Larry Marotta Head of AFN televison div.

American Forces Network is set to launch two new channels: AFN-Family and AFN-Movie. The curtain rises at 12:01 a.m.

The curtain rises at 12:01 a.m. Friday. In addition, the network is over-

hauling its Spectrum channel.

AFN-Spectrum "is almost a
third new channel," Larry Marotta, head of the television division
for AFN, said in a phone interview from the Defense Media
Center, March Air Reserve Base,
Calif.

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Currently, AFN-Spectrum airs
a variety of hour and half-hour
shows, such as "ER" and "Happy
Days," as well as an occasional
movie, over the course of an
eight-hour schedule. But beginning Friday, the channel will shift
to an expanded schedule with far
less repetition.

"It'll be a good companion to AFN-Prime," said Marotta, referring to what European viewers know as AFN-Atlantic. In the past, officials said they wanted to air more educational and nature shows on Spectrum, such as the hourlong documentaries on the History and Discovery channels. While that still may be the case, the network's lineup for early September doesn't include more programs of that type.

Marotta and other officials have indicated much of what the do is a work in progress. Many of the decisions are based on a 2000 survey, which laid the groundwork for the Family and Movie channels. Another such survey is planned for this spring, according to Marotta.

Mel Russell, the director of American Forces Radio and Television Service officials, said earlier this year there were no immediate plans to expand beyond what was already envisioned for this fall, but he indicated the capability is there. Off the cuff, he said the network "could use more room for sports and news."

Those are the kinds of issues AFN officials want viewers to address in the upcoming survey. "We'd like the audience to tell

we'd like the addicate to ten swhat's next," Marotta said. For now, the plan for the two new channels debuting Friday is more or less set.

Aside from a few breaks, the AFN-Movie channel will pretty much show one film after another, Marotta said.

AFN-Family will begin the normal viewing day airing shows for toddlers and then gradually become more sophisticated as the school day ends and evening nears. It will, however, hold true to its name: a channel devoted to family viewing.

"Every program we put on will be family friendly," Marotta said. "It won't be edgy. It'll be a safe haven."

Remembering the Berlin Airlift



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

From left, Norbert Krekeler, of the Hessian ministry of economics; David T. Fisher, president of the Steuben-Schurz-Geselbschaft; and Geeta Pasi, of the American consulate in Frankfurt, unweil a special tourism sign on Germany's autobahn AS for the Berlin Airlift Monument. The monument stands about two miles north of the sign at Frankfurt airport. Money for the sign was raised by the Steuben-Schurz-Gesellschaft, the oldest German-American friendship organization.

The Berlin airlift started in June 1948, when the Soviet Union suspended all ground travel in and out of Berlin. From then until the airlift officially ended in September 1949, the Allies flew 278,280 flights to Berlin carrying 2,326,406 short tons of food and fuel. Thirty-one Americans, 39 British and at least nine Germans died because of airlift-related accidents.

The original Berlin Airlift Monument stands in Berlin and was dedicated in 1951. The Frankfurt monument was dedicated in 1985 when it was still part of Rhein-Main Air Base. The base is scheduled to close at the end of 2005. Its commander, Col. Bradlev Denison, was on hand for the unveiling.



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IN THE WORLD

Up to 400 held as Russia school seized

Reports of fatalities; most held by militants are young children

BY MUSA SADULAYEV
The Associated Press

BESLAN, Russia — Attackers wrapped in suicide-bomb belts raided a school in a region bordering Chechnya, seizing up to 400 hostages — including scores of students welcoming the new school year — and threatening to kill captives or blow up the building if it was stormed by encircling Russian troops.

Authorities established contact with the hostage-takers hours after the raid, which officials said left at least two people dead in the latest assault in a country the defense minister said has been challenged by a declaration of terrorist war. The ITAR-Tass news agency put the death toll at eight.

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Troops carrying heavy-caliber machine guns scrambled into positions around School No. 1 in the North Ossetian town of Beslan. More than a thousand people, including distraught parents, crowded outside police cordons demanding information and accusing the government of not protecting their children.

One girl lay wounded near the school, but emergency workers could not approach because the area was coming under fire, said regional Emergency Situations Minister Ministry Boris Dzgoyev. In a tense standoff the militants placed a sniper on an upper floor of the building, and throughout the day the Russian media reported sporadic gunffire and the sound of explosions coming from the building.



Russian soldiers rescue an unidentified child in North Ossetia on Wednesday. More than a dozen attackers carrying guns and wrapped in suicide-bomb belts seized a school and were holding about 400 hostages, including some 200 children, news reports said.

The hostage-taking came less than 24 hore after a suicide bomber detonated her explosives outside a Moscow subway station, killing at least nine people, and just ower a week after near simultaneous explosions caused two Russian planes to crash, killing all 90 people on board.

The string of attacks, widely suspected to be the work of separatist Chechen rebels or their sympathizers, come as a blow to President Vladimir Putin, who pledged five years ago to crush the rebels but instead has seen the insurgents increasingly strike civilian targets.

ITAR-Tass, citing local hospitals, said one person died at the scene and seven in hospitals. Dzgoyev put the death toll at four, but the Federal Security Service chief for North Ossetia, Valery Andreyev, later said two civilians were killed and two

The school covers grades 1-11, but Dzgoyev said that most of the children taken hostage were under 14 years old. At least 12 children and one adult managed to escape after hiding in the build-

At least 12 children and one adult managed to escape after hiding in the building's boiler room during the raid, said Ruslan Ayamov, spokesman for North Ossetia's Interior Ministry.

Andreyev said that authorities were uncertain how many hostages and attecker were inside the building, but he said there might be 120-400 captives.

Moscow subway bombing victims remembered

BY JIM HEINTZ

MOSCOW — Distraught Moscow residents laid flowers Wednesday outside a subway station where a suicide bomber killed 10 people, while a militant Muslim group that claimed responsibility for the crash of two Russian airliners last week said it was also behind the latest attack.

Police promised heightened security on the sprawling city's transit system, one of the world's busiest and relied on by many of the city's estimated 10 million people. But the attack was only the latest in a string of violence in the capital and elsewhere that the government has appeared helpless to prevent.

Tuesday's blast, carried out by a female bomber, occurred almost exactly a week after two Russian planes crashed within minutes of each other in what officials say were terrorist attacks. All 90 people aboard the two planes were killed.

A militant Muslim web site published a statement claiming responsibility for the bombing on behalf of the "Islambouli Brigades," a group that also claimed responsibility for the airliner crashes. The veracity of the statements could not immediately be confirmed.

The statement said Tuesday's bombing was a blow against President Vladimir Putin, "who slaughtered Muslims time and again."

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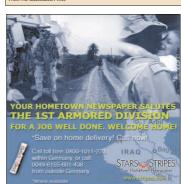


U.N. calls for Sudan monitoring force increase

UNITED NATIONS — A U.N. report on Wednesday called for a quick increase in the international monitoring force in Sudan's western Darfur region, saying the government has not stopped attacks against civilians or disarmed marauding militias.

The report made clear that much more needs to be done as soon as possible to provide security for the more than 1.2 million "terrorized and traumatized" Sudanese who have fled their homes in the western desert region to escape the violence.

From The Associated Press



Kabul free of heavy weapons for election

BY AMIR SHAH The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Afghanistan's war-scarred capital was declared free of heavy weapons Wednesday, a key step in efforts to bolster security before critical national elections

U.S., NATO and Afghan officials feted the commanders of the last unit to pull its big guns out of the city — and urged them and other militiamen to throw themselves into reconstructing the country.

"Bulldozers should replace tanks and cannons," Deputy Defense Minister Rahim Wardak told the ceremony in a dusty compound north of Kabul containing "AK-47s and pistols should make way for saws and axes

Dismantling Afghanistan's feuding armed factions was a priority in the U.N.-sponsored peace plan drawn up after the militias grouped under the banner of the Northern Alliance helped the United States oust the Taliban in 2001

Infighting has erunted across the north and west of the country this year, adding belated urgency to the disarmament drive.

But the effort has suffered repeated delays blamed on regional commanders wary of giving up their guns to President Hamid Karzai's U.S.-backed central government

The United Nations warns that the failure to demilitarize the country leaves candidates and voters vulnerable to intimidation - as well as attacks from Taliban mili-

tants - in the Oct. 9 presidential vote. Parliamentary elections have been delaved until April because of the lack of se-

Wardak said 2,300 heavy weapons had been rounded up around Kabul, the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif and the south-

eastern city of Gardez. Dozens of tanks and missiles have also emerged from the anti-Taliban stronghold in the Panjshir Valley, but the process is lagging in much of the country.

The militias are supposed to make way

the United States. But that force only num-bers about 13,000, far short of the intended

A separate program to demobilize some 60,000 militia fighters and find them new jobs has also been snail-paced. Only about

12,000 have given up their guns so far.

Officials urged the mujahideento recog-

nize that the old battles have been won.
"You have done your duty," Maj. Gen.
Craig Weston, the U.S. officer in charge of training the Afghan National Army, told the militia officers at Wednesday's ceremo-ny. "You can now turn over this mission to central government's security forces and you can put your energies into your own fu-ture, with new jobs."

Milosevic attacks war crimes charges

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands -Slobodan Milosevic attacked a prosecution theory Wednesday that he sought to carve out an ethnically pure "greater Serbia" in the broken Yugoslav federation, and branded the war crimes indictments

against him "a sheer mutilation of jus-tice."

More than 1/2 years after the trial of the former Yugoslav president began at the U.N. tribunal, Milosevic wound up his

opening statement that began Tuesday as he laid out a series of complex conspiracies against his Serb people involving the Kosovo Liberation Army, Osama bin Laden, the Vatican, Croatian neo-Nazis and the CIA, among others

Milosevic called his trial "a farce, pure and simple." Charging that prosecutors had

failed to prove any of the charges, he called the indictments a "sheer mutilation of justice. Nothing else. What it says there are empty words."
"This indictment represents a

sum of unscrupulous manipula tion, lies, crippling of the law, and an unjust presentation of the history," he said

In his statement, Milosevic contested prosecution allegations that he fanned Serbian national ism and instigated a decade of Balkan wars.

"In two years, you have not presented a shred of evidence" to support the charges, Milosevic told the court

Milosevic faces 66 counts of war crimes allegedly committed in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo during the 1990s. He could be jailed for life if convicted on any charge





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IN THE STATES

Justice agrees terror conviction of Detroit men should be tossed

BY JOHN SOLOMON AND CURT ANDERSON The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a dramatic reversal, the Justice Department acknowledges its original prosecution of a suspected terror cell in Detroit was filled with a "pattern of mistakes and oversights" that warrant the dismissal of the convictions.

In a 60-page memo that harshly criticizes its own prosecutors' work, the department told U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen on Tuesday night it supports the Detroit defendants' request for a new trial and would no longer pursue terrorism charges against them

The defendants at most would only face fraud charges at a new

The Justice Department is "concurring in the defendants" motions for a new trial" and asks the court to dismiss the first count of the original indictment charging the defendants with material support of terrorism, the government's filing said.

The department's decision came after a monthslong internal investigation uncovered several pieces of evidence that prosecutors failed to turn over to defense lawyers before the trial last year.

The probe exposed deep differences within the government over the course of the case and the quality of the prosecution's evidence

The internal investigation of prosecutorial misconduct found enough problems that there is "no reasonable prospect of winning," the government conceded, drawing back from a case once hailed by the Bush administration as major victory in the war on ter-

The decision was hailed by lawyers for the Detroit men who were convicted last year.

"We're extremely grateful," William Swor, lawyer for defendant Abdel-Ilah Elmardoudi, said Wednesday. "It's a major victo-

ry."
Swor said the dropping of the terrorism charges leaves the government with "a garden-variety document case" against his client. "Our work is just beginning," he said.

In a June 2003 jury verdict hailed by the administration as the breakup of a terror cell, Karim Koubriti, 26, and Elmardoudi, 38, were convicted on terrorism and fraud charges and Ahmed Hannan, 36, was convicted of fraud. A fourth defendant, Farouk Ali-Haimoud, 24, was acquitted.



Plywood is a valued commodity at the Home Depot in Florida City, Fla., on Wednesday, as residents prepare for Hurricane Frances to hit the state. The state is still trying to recover from Hurricane Charley.

350,000 Floridians told to evacuate

The Associated Pre-

MIAMI — Hundreds of thousands of people were told Wednesday to get ready to evacuate as powerful Hurricane Frances crept closer to Florida just weeks after Hurricane Charley's rampage.

Generators were hefted off store shelves, along with water, canned goods and other emergency supplies as forecasters warned the core of the Category 4 storm with 140-mph top sustained winds was due along Florida's Atlantic coast late Friday or early

Charley left billions of dollars in damage and 27 people dead when it swept across the peninsula Aug. 13.

"I can't emphasize enough how powerful this is. If there's something out there that's going to weaken it, we haven't seen it," National Hurricane Center director Max Mavfield said.

About 300,000 residents in coastal areas of Palm

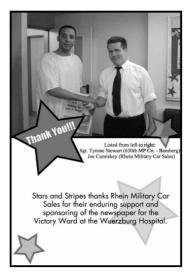
Beach County were told to evacuate starting 2 p.m.

In Rockledge, about 45 miles southeast of Orlando, Breward County told at least 50,000 residents to start evacuating mobile homes and barrier islands Thursday afternoon. In Stuart about 85 miles south, Martin County planned to urge up to 7,500 residents to evacuate low-lying areas starting at noon Thursday. More evacuation orders along Florida's east coast were likely.

The Kennedy Space Center planned to close Thursday and Friday to allow workers time to evacuate if necessary, said NASA spokesman George Diller. Helicopters and planes left Patrick Air Force Base.

Frances was nearing the Bahamas with steady strength, but it was expected to fluctuate in intensity and could become a Category 5 storm with top sustained winds of 156 mph or higher, forecasters said. The storm could hit anywhere from Florida to South Carolina as early as late Friday.





Cheney set to take convention stage; protests continue

BY TOM RAUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thousands of people formed a symbolic unemployment line stretching three miles from Wall Street to Madison Square Garden on Wednesday to protest President Bush's economic policies as Vice President Dick Cheney prepared to tell Republicans that Democrat John Kerry suffers from "confusion of conviction."

Police said more than 1,500 people have been arrested in convention-related protests since late last week.

Meanwhile, Bush's chief strategist, Karl Rove, said the Bush-Cheney campaign asked a federal court in Washington to force an end to political ads by outside groups known as "527" organizations. The ads in question have criticized Kerny's military service in Vietnam and also attacked Bush on a variety of is-

sues, most notably the decision to wage war in Iraq.

Cheney's speech to the Republican National Convention on Wednesday night sets the stage for Bush's own acceptance speech the following night. Cheney will contrast Bush's 'demonstrated leadership and decisiveness versus Senator Kerry's confusion of conviction — both in foreign and domestic policy — that he's demonstrated during his 20 years in the Senate, 'Cheney spokeswoman Anne Womack said.

On Tuesday night, before a roaring audience of delegates, Bush was lauded by his wife, Laura, and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger as man of strength and compassion.

Bush "doesn't flinch, doesn't waver, does not back down," the Austrian-born former actor said. Added Mrs. Bush: "You can count on him, especially in a crisis."

Kerry, at a late-night rally in Nashville, Tenn., belittled Bush's



Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger hails President Bush as a confident, decisive leader before delegates at Madison Square Garden during the Republican National Convention in New York on Tuesday.

shifting position on whether the war on terrorism was winnable. "We can, we must and we will win the war on terror." he said.

The Massachusetts senator addresses the American Legion on Wednesday, a day after Bush in a speech to the same group backed away from an earlier suggestion—made in a television interview—that the war on terror could not

"It's a different type of war. We may never sit down at a peace table, but make no mistake about it, we are winning and we will win," Bush told the legionnaires.

Pennsylvania delegates put

Bush over the top on Tuesday in a roll call whose outcome was never in doubt. The timing was deliberate to give the honor to Pennsylvania, the battleground state Bush

has visited most as president.

The president has visited the state, which has 21 electoral votes, 33 times since taking office—including a "family-style pic-nic" Tuesday night from which he introduced his wife to the convention by way of satellite.

Bush, in turn, had been introduced by Jenna and Barbara Bush, the first couple's 22year-old twin daughters, who proved to be the surprise stars of the evening

Bush to pay call to NYC firefighters

BY DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was the defining moment of his presidency, and for his first stop in the convention city, President Bush chose a New York audience that will evoke memories of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Bush was to meet Wednesday night with firefighters in Elmhurst, N.Y., about 10 miles from where terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center nearly three years ago.

The event with firefighters is aimed at emphasizing the war on terrorism, a central theme of Bush's race for re-election. And it is designed to recall the day Bush visited Ground Zero three years ago — without the president actually visiting the attack site and inviting criticism that he was exploiting the tragedy.

"Sept. 11 is an issue of political symbolism and a question about who owns that symbolism," says Stanley Renshon, a psychologist and political scientist at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. "Bush has as much claim to it as anyone else since he was president when we were hit. But having said that, the Republicans are going to have to be very careful not to politicize it."



Protesting in pink

Demonstrators wave pink fliers that read "The Next Pink Slip Might Be Yours!" in a symbolic unemployment line stretching about three miles from Wall Street to Madison Square Garden, site of the Republican National Convention, in New York on Wednesday. The peaceful demonstration came a day after police struggled to contain swarms of protesters with metal barriers and orange netting, eventually arresting nearly 1.000 demonstrators





Democrats press Kerry to step up attacks on Bush

BY RON FOURNIER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anxiously watching President Bush's convention, Democratic leaders are urging John Kerry to step up his attack on the Republican incumbent before eroding approval ratings become a serious political problem.

The candidate and his belea guered staff are being flooded with advice, much of it contradictory. Some party officials want Kerry to criticize the president for sitting out the Vietnam War in Texas Air National Guard Others say that would draw unwanted attention to accusations about Kerry's combat experience, when the focus should be on the economy and the Iraq war.

Democrats have seen Bush erase the gains that their nominee made at his convention a month ago in Boston, pulling into a tie in national polls that also show Kerry's personal image deteriorating.

In the broad scheme of things the GOP advances may be nothing more than a political adjustment - a nudge of the pendulum, rather than a big swing. But for some Democrats, the president's momentum came as a shock, in part because Kerry's team had bragged openly that Boston had set the stage for victory.

That was their first mistake.

"It's never a good idea to get people too excited too early," said Bill Carrick, a leading Democrat-

ic strategist from California After raising expectations, Kerry listened to campaign consultants advising him to let surrogates respond to accusations that he exaggerated his medal-winning wartime service. They wanted him to remain above the fray, and he did, until the accusations from the group calling itself Swift Boat Veterans for Truth began tugging him down.

By the time Kerry personally struck back, calling the group a

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front for Bush spreading "lies about my record," the damage was done. Polls show Bush is now favored over Kerry on questions of who is more qualified to be commander in chief and which candidate is more honest. Immediately after his convention, Kerry led on both questions.

Bush also has erased Kerry's lead on who would best deal with the economy, and has opened a gap on who voters prefer to lead the war against terror.

Some Democrats pointed to Kerry's public assurances, under pressure from Bush, that he still would have voted to authorize war in Iraq had he known no weapons of mass destruction would be found there. Still, after months of criticizing the president's handling of the war, Kerry's assertion sounded like a flip-flop to many voters, according to polling and focus groups conducted for Democrats close to

In a race this close, the smallest shifts in voter preferences send partisans atwitter. Just last week, nervous Republicans were urging Bush to unveil a robust second-term agenda to shift voters' focus from the unpopular war in Iraq. Now, with the confetti set to fall. Republicans are temporarily in line while Democrats suffer

"Bush and his surrogates have been vicious and unforgiving with the Swift boat claims, said Frank Schreck, a top party fund-raiser from Nevada, they have scored a lot of political points.

Schreck wants Kerry to bluntly compare war records with the president. "Why not stand up there and say, 'He chose to have his father get him out of harm's way while I volunteered to risk my life?" The Bush campaign vigorously denies the president used his family's political influence to avoid Vietnam.

Ken Brock, a Democratic consultant in Michigan, said he wants to see Kerry fight back.

"Personally, I'm for somebody coming out and saying while Bush was in the Redneck Riviera. Kerry was picking shrapnel out of his butt," he said. "There are those who want John Kerry to drop his drawers and show America the scars.

The biggest complainers want Kerry to beef up his staff. The candidate himself is said to be angry with his team, quietly adding layers of new advisers to siphon authority from some aides. Rumors of a shake-up Wednesday were unfounded, but nonetheless distracted the Kerry team.

Ron Fournier has covered the White House and politics for The Associated Press since 1993.



Jackson garners seven CMA nominations

BY JOHN GEROME The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Alan Jackson pulled in seven nominations, the most of the year, from the Country Music Association this week, including entertainer of the year and male vocalist.

Jackson's nominations also include single of the year and song of the year for "Remember When," video of the year for "Remember When" and for his duet



laborating on a remake of the Hank "Hey, Good Lookin.' "

Toby Keith has six nominations, including album of the year for "Shock'N Y'all," single and video of the year for "I Love This Bar," musical event for "Hey, Good Lookin." male vocalist of the year and entertainer of the year.

The other best album nominees are Brad Paisley for "Mud on the Tires," Brooks & Dunn for "Red Dirt Road," Kenny Chesney for "When the Sun Goes Down" and newcomer Gretchen Wilson for "Here for the Party

Wilson's first single, the No. 1 hit "Redneck Woman," was nominated for three awards, single, song and music video of the year. She also was nominated for the Horizon award, which honors the ing no one knew who I was last year at this time," Wilson said. This has been my dream since I was a little girl."

Other artists with five nominations included Chesney and Alison Krauss.

Krauss was nominated for female vocalist of the year. Other nominees include Terri Clark. Sara Evans, Martina McBride and Reba McEntire.

"Country music is making waves in 2004, and this list of outstanding nominees is one of the reasons why," CMA Executive Director Ed Benson said in a state ment. "These talented performers, musicians, songwriters and producers demonstrate the artistic depth and creativity driving the burgeoning growth of our for-

mat in the past year. It is an excit-

ing time for country music and the 2004 CMA awards will definitely reflect that in November. CBS will broadcast the 38th annual CMA awards show, hosted by Brooks & Dunn, live from Nashville's Grand Ole Opry House on Nov. 9 in the States

Singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson, who helped announce some of the nominations on CBS'
"The Early Show," was selected for induction into the Country Hall of Fame.

"What a dirty trick," he said, obviously surprised to hear his name read. "I guess it means I'm old," he said of the nominationthat will put his name in the hall with Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings

Kristofferson has written hits such as "Help Me Make it Through the Night," "Me and Bobby McGee" and "Sunday Morning Coming Down," and his work has been recorded by more than 450 artists



Big Kenny, left, and John Rich, right, of Big & Rich congratulate each other on their CMA nomination for Vocal Duo of the Year while Gretchen Wilson looks on as the trio announce this year's CMA nominations live on Country Music Televison in Nashville, Tenn. Big & Rich received two nominations, and Wilson had five nominations, including Album of the Year and Song of the Year.

Theron injured on set

Oscar-winning actress Charlize Theron was injured while film.

"Aeon Flux," Germa ny, but her representa tives aren't saying how hadly she was hurt. Theron

suffered



ıın. specified injury while doing her own stunts in a wire-hanging action sequence, the mov-ie's publicist, Jeanmarie Carrasco, said Tuesday

"No cuts, no broken bones," Carrasco said. "I think it was something less tangible than that. ... Something vague and nagging." No one else was hurt, Carras-

co added. Filming in Berlin has been

halted for several weeks to allow Theron to recover. Theron's publicist said the

29-year-old actress wasn't hos pitalized.

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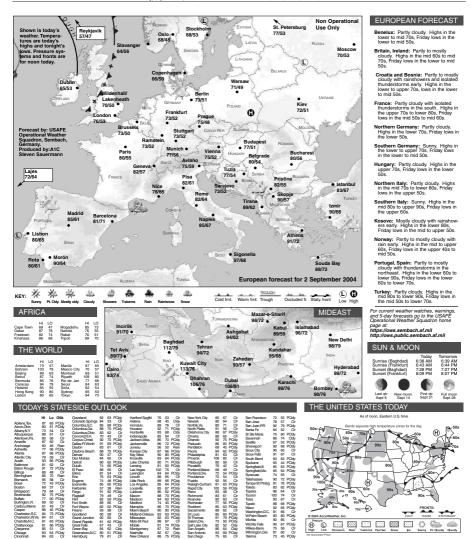
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Payouts lacking

ANNAPOLIS — ANNAPOLIS — A dozen victims of Tropical Storm Isabel said they still haven't received adequate insurance settlements to help them rebuild They called for state Insurance Commissioner Alfred Redmer and the governor to press federal officials to speed their flood insurance ...

claims. Some are still living in trailers supplied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Jump for charity

WI SHIOCTON — Matt Mcup-and-down day one weekend. but for a good reason.

McClone jumped out of an airplane 100 times in 12 hours to help raise an estimated \$14,000 for breast cancer survivors.

That works out to \$140 per jump for the Madison-based Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation - and one jump every seven minutes

If those numbers make your head spin, picture the 26-year-old skydiver leaping from an altitude of 2,500, touching down, then spending less than a minute on the ground before getting back into another plane

McClone decided to raise funds for the foundation after his girlfriend's mother was diagnosed

with breast cancer.
For McClone, 99 of the jumps were uneventful. The trouble-some one was No. 33. His main chute didn't open properly, though the reserve chute did.

Probation officers' case

DELTONA - Two probation officers who were fired after an ex-convict under their supervision was charged in six murders have appealed their punishment, saying it was too se-

Richard Burrow and Paul Hayes were fired Aug. 9 for mishandling the case of Troy Victorino. The Department of Correc-tions said Victorino's brushes with the law while on probation should have put him behind bars before the killings at a home in Deltona, about 30 miles south-west of Daytona Beach.

Victorino, 27, is accused of organizing the killings to get back his belongings after one of the tenants removed his video game system and clothes from another home where he had been squatting

Victorino and 18-year-olds were indicted last week in the killing spree. The state is seeking the death penalty against Victorino, Michael Salas, Robert Cannon and Jerone Hunt-

Battling cupcake ban

MA DUXBURY — Betsy Hunter is cooking up a campaign to overturn a cupcake ban at her daughter's elementary school Hunter

hopes to persuade school officials to rescind a no-cupcake birthday policy at Chandler Elementary School. She's gathered about 200 signa-Chandler Principal Deborah Zetterberg said the change was part of an effort to promote



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healthier eating

Costly garbage bins

HONOLULU — A miscalculation in how soon it would need thousands of new household garbage bins led to a storage problem that cost the city \$325,000

The city took delivery of 28,000 bins between April 2003 and last November, but only needed to distribute 15,000 for recycling and regular trash

Frank Dovle, the city's director of Environmental Services, said lack of available city space to store the remaining 13,000 bins forced the city to pay Matson Navigation Co. to let them stay in shipping containers at its Sand Island

Some of the bins remained in containers for a year and a half. but city officials say all of the bins have now been moved to city yards.

In the future, the city will order fewer bins at a time, and new ones will go directly to homes upon arrival, Doyle said.

Site is sore sight

FL FORT WALTON BEACH - Fort Walton Beach High School football fans who click on the booster club's Web site are finding out that "score" has a different meaning these days.

Instead of state



Lessson in fire Onlookers watch a trailer burn during a demonstration in Las Cruces. N.M. The mock dorm room fire was set to show how even a small fire can engulf a dorm room.

play-by-plays of the Vikings, Internet surfers are seeing pictures of women the Touchdown Club unknowingly let the do-

The site was pur-chased by Beta Corp., based in Ukraine. Now, the site gives an eyeful and links to other sex-themed sites

Touchdown Club president Johnnie Ford said the club hones to buy the name back. He said he was unaware anything needed to be done to maintain control of the

Magnets attract thieves

A COUNCIL BLUFFS — Pa triotic magnets are attracting somebody's attention - much to the chagrin of Michelle Morrow and Kim Grosvenor, to name but two.

The women are among several eople in the area who have had vellow and red white and blue ribbon-shaped magnets stolen off their vehicles, according to the Council Bluffs police. Just a handful, though, have reported the

Morrow said her car magnet was stolen while she was at a hot air balloon fair. It read "Half of my heart is in Afghanistan," where her husband, Lance, has been stationed since early this

Morrow said she'll replace the magnet but won't leave it where thieves can get it.

"If they are making a political statement, then they are violating my rights to make a statement that I support our troops. But it obviously showed that I have a loved one serving over there."

Toddler dies in car

BROWNSVILLE - Authorities said miscommunication between two sisters may have led to the death of an 18-month-old girl who was left in a hot car for about two hours. Jasmine Morin died of heat ex-

haustion after her aunt, 17-year-old Ana Lopez, left the child in the car with the windows closed, police said.

Police said Jasmine was in the car when Lopez dropped off the child's mother Blanca Lonez 24 "The mother indicates she told

the aunt the child was in the back seat, but she [the aunt] didn't hear that," Lt. James Paschall told The Brownsville Herald. Jasmine was found in the back

seat of the car by relatives. Brownsville, in southern Texas near the Mexico border, reached a high of 93 that day

Ana Lopez has been charged with felony abandonment of a child and is being held on a \$20,000 bond

Teacher backgrounds

MALDEN — State Educa tion Commissioner David Driscoll called for more exten-sive background checks for teachers and other school employees to help prevent sexual abuse Driscoll also wants to hire investigators to examine complaints.

Currently, school system criminal background checks on prospective employees only cover offenses committed in Massachu-



The second of three diving pigs Pigs' feat of daring heads for the water during a practice run for Randall's High Diving Racers in Schaghticoke, N.Y. The diving and racing pigs, owned by Virgil "Boss Hog" Randall of Arkansas, were to make their first appearance at the Schaghticoke Fair.



A helicopter flies past Burning through the haze the setting sun while battling a fire on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation near Redmesa, Colo.



A firefighter sprays the wreckage of a Deadly wreck locomotive and 18-wheeler that collided in Climax, Ga., and caught fire. Three Bainbridge College students and a faculty member were killed during a truck-driving class when the truck they were driving was hit by the train.



A fake skeleton sits in a dungeon off the medieval tower Skeleton in the castle staircase at Hammond Castle Museum in Gloucester, Mass. The museum is a castle mansion built by inventor John Hammond Jr., who was inspired by castles during his childhood in England



Three points for female kicker School kicker Katie Bemis and holder Chris Marshall practice field goals at the school's stadium in El Paso, Texas. Bemis became the first female to score in an El Paso varsity football game when she kicked three extra points in the Eagles' 49-7 victory over Hanks High School.



Old-time sailing Crewmembers enjoy the view from the deck of a replica 1862-class sailing canal schooner Lois Mc-Clure during the ships first time under sail on Lake Champlain off the Burlington, Vt., shoreline,



Maeve McKinley, 5, practices a ballet move she learned in her dance class Fountain dance while cooling off in the fountain at the Eugene Water and Electric Board offices along the Willamette River in Eugene, Ore.

Laundry room fires

WA EVERETT — Someone set fires in 22 laundry rooms in the same apartment complex by torching clothes, trash and other items, causing about \$22,000 in damage, police said.

No one was injured in the fires, said police Sgt. Boyd Bryant. Park Ridge apartments in south Everett has 42 buildings and about 600 residents

Fire Marshal Warren Rums said crews responded to an initial call and quickly put out the flames, but as they prepared to leave, four more fires were reported

Burns said the fires were contained to the laundry rooms, each of which is below one living unit and beside two others

"We are very fortunate the fires stayed in the laundry rooms and stayed small," he said.

Manager Jenna Nolan said she had received no threats and saw no suspicious activity before the fires. Authorities were investigat-

93rd birthday adventure

IA CALDWELL — A woman who has six children, 35 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren jumped from an airplane to cele-

brate her 93rd birthday. "Because it's a new adven-ture," explained Luree Kohtz, of

After seeing a videotape of her great-granddaughter doing the same thing. Kohtz set her mind to skydive in Caldwell. Her age wasn't a concern, she said.

Thirteen cars full of family and friends watched the jump.

Snake-whipped

NJ CEDARVILLE — In this case, police say a dead snake was more dangerous than a live one. Michael File received several

small lacerations on his back as a result of being whipped with a dead six-foot-long black snake, state police said. File, 26, wasn't wearing a shirt during the assault by Kenneth Davis 42 authorities said

Police said Davis let the snake which was alive when the incident began, crawl into File's residence. File's father beat the snake to death with a piece of

Police said Davis then became angry and pushed the elder File. Michael File told Davis to leave the property, whereupon Davis picked up the snake, twirled it over his head and assaulted Michael File with it, police said.

File then grabbed a baseball bat and took aim at Davis' head, police said. Davis was treated for head lacerations.

Davis was charged with simple assault. Police Sgt. Sean Day said charges against File are likely.

Credit rating scam

ALBANY — The accused ringleader of a scam that stole the identities of dead people to bolster the credit ratings of car buyers has pleaded guilty to wire fraud and identity theft.

Investigators said Kwezeta Butler would troll newspaper obituaries and contact an Internet back-

ground search company to obtain the Social Security numbers, birth dates and credit histories of the deceased.

Butler then sold fake IDs with the names of the deceased for \$500 to \$600 to people with bad credit who used the identities to buy cars, investigators said. In a few cases, the identities of people still alive were stolen.

About 80 neonle were arrested in January for the scheme, which took place from 2001 to 2002. were indicted on forgery They and identity fraud charges in May and most of the cases still are pending.

Butler entered her guilty plea in U.S. District Court.

U.S. Attorney Maxwell Wood said more indictments may result from the investigation, but did not elaborate. Butler could face a maximum sentence of 15 years on the identity theft charge and 20 years on the charge of wire fraud. Wood did not immediately return a call about what sentence prosecutors would recommend.

Litter spies recruited

NJ FAIR LAWN — This Bergen County community of 30,000 is trying a novel approach to curb an annoying and longstanding problem.

It's recruiting "litter mar-shals." They'll volunteer to spot people tossing litter from vehicles and report the license number to the municipal office. The vehicle owner is then mailed a notice pointing out the offense and explaining a further offense could result in a fine.

Woman dies in biplane

PORT EDWARDS — A bi-plane giving rides for a fund-raiser in central Wisconsin crashed upside down in a river, killing a Michigan woman, authorities said.

The biplane's landing gear struck power lines before it crashed into about 3 feet of water in the Wisconsin River, said Wood County Sheriff's Sgt. Tim

A 39-year-old passenger visit-ing the Wisconsin Rapids area with her husband, children and mother was killed. Pilot Mark Strub, 42, was un-

able to free the woman and ran a half-mile to a local paper mill to call for help, Sheriff Kurt Heuer

Hawaiian Yankees Day

HONOLULU — New York torney General Mark Bennett, a York City native who has lived in the islands for 25 years, took advantage of his being acting overnor to give his favorite base ball team some recognition.

Bennett is at the helm while Gov. Linda Lingle and Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona attend the Republican National Convention in where else? — New York City.

Bennett said he signed a proclamation declaring Sept. 1 in honor of the Bronx Bombers. Bennett said he learned that Ha-

waii, which has no professional hasehall team does have an important historical connection to the game. Alexander Cartwright, who is credited with defining baseball's rules, moved to Hawaii in the mid-1800s.

Stories and photos from wire services

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The Internet at 35: Still a work in progress

BY ANICK JESDANUN The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Thirty-five years after computer scientists at UCLA linked two bulky computers using a 15-foot gray cable, testing a new way for exchanging data over networks, what would ultimately become the Internet remains a work in progress.

University researchers are experimenting with ways to increase its capacity and speed. Program mers are trying to imbue Web pages with intelligence. And work

is under way to

re-engineer the With the tools we from finished, and duce spam and had then, we did security trouas much as we

All the while threats loom: could reasonably Critics warn have done. that commercial, legal and

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could hinder the types of innovations that made the Internet what it is

political pres

sures

Stephen Crocker and Vinton Cerf were among the graduate students who joined UCLA professor Len Kleinrock in an engineering lab on Sept. 2, 1969, as bits of meaningless test data flowed silently between the two computers. By Janu ary, three other "nodes" joined the fledgling network.

Then came e-mail a few years later, a core communications protocol called TCP/IP in the late '70s. the domain name system in the '80s and the World Wide Web now the second most popular appli-

The Internet expanded beyond its initial military and educational

domain into busine around the world Today, Crocker continues work

on the Internet, designing better tools for collaboration. And as security chairman for the Internet's key oversight body, he is trying to defend the core addressing system from outside threats, including an attempt last year by a private search engine to grab Web surfers who mistype addresses.

He acknowledges the Internet

changes are in store to meet growing demands for multimedia. Network provid-"hest efforts" at delivering data packets, and Crocker said better guarantees are

needed to prevent the

skips and stutters now

common with video. Cerf, now at MCI Inc., said he wished he could have designed the Internet with security built in. Microsoft Corp., Yahoo Inc. and America Online Inc., among others, are currently trying to retrofit the network so e-mail senders can be authenticated - a way to cut

down on junk messages sent using spoofed addresses. Among Cerf's other projects: a next-generation numbering system called IPv6 to accommodate the ever-growing armies of Internet-ready wireless devices, game consoles, even dog collars.

Working with NASA, Cerf is also



Steve Crocker poses inside his company, Shrinkuro Inc., in Washington last month, Crocker was a graduate student at UCLA in the computer lab on Sept. 2, 1969, when the first network connection was made in what has become the Internet. Crocker is now security chairman for the Internet's key oversight body.

trying to extend the network into with e-mail and e-commerce. outer space to better communicate with spacecraft.

But many features being developed today wouldn't have been possible at birth given the slower comnuting speeds and narrower Internet pipes, or bandwidth, Cerf said.

With the tools we had then, we did as much as we could reasonably have done," he said.

While engineers tinker with the Internet's core framework, some university researchers looking for more speed are developing separate systems that parallel the Internet. That way, data-intensive applications like video conferencing brain imaging and global climate research won't have to compete

Think information highway with an express lane.

Some applications are so data-intensive, they are "simply impractical to do on the current Internet. said Tracy Futhey, chairwoman of the National LambdaRail. The project offers for its members dedicated high-speed lines so data can "get from point A to point B and not have to contend with the other

traffic LambdaRail recently completed its first optical connection from San Diego to Seattle to Pittsburgh to Jacksonville, Fla. Work on additional links is planned for next

Undersea explorer Robert Ballard has used another network. Internet2 to host live, interactive presentations with students and aquarium visitors from the wreck of the Titanic, which he found in 1985.
The Internet's bandwidth can

carry only "lousy" video and "can't compete with looking out the win-dow," Ballard said. But with Internet2, "high-definition zoom camer-

as can show them the eyelids."
Internet2, with speeds 100 times the typical broadband service at home, is now limited to selected universities, companies and institutions, but researchers expect any breakthroughs to ultimately migrate to the main Internet.

Change doesn't come easily, however. For instance, the IPv6 numbering system was deemed an Internet standard about five years ago, but the vast majority of soft ware and hardware today still runs on the older IPv4, which is rapidly running out of room.

And the Internet faces general resistance from old-world forces that want to preserve their current ways of doing things: Companies that value profit over greater good. Copyright holders who want to pro-tect their music and movies. Governments that seek to censor information or spy on its citizens.

In early August, the Federal

Communications Commission de clared that Internet-based phone calls should be subject to the same type of law enforcement surveillance as cell and landline phones. That means Internet service pro viders would have to design their systems to permit police wiretaps.

Jonathan Zittrain, a professor with Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, fears a slippery slope. As these outside pressures meddle with the Net's open architecture, he said, there's less opportunity for experimentation and for innovations like the World Wide Web, born out of an unauthorized project at a Swiss nu-

TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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Social Security resources BY CHUCK MYERS

Knight Ridder/Tribune

Should you consider taking Social Security earlier than planned? Is Social Security priva-tization a good idea? Will Social Security funds still be available

by the time you reach retirement age? When it comes to Social Security, the questions are many

No matter your age, it is important to keep track of Social Security developments and the implications policy changes may have on your retirement income plans.

These Web sites contain information designed to inform the public and promote debate about Social Security issues: AARP (www.aarp.org/bulletin/ socialsec/); CATO Institute

(www.socialsecurity.org); National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (www.ncpssm.org/social security/); The Social Security

Network (socsec.org); U.S. Social Security Administration (www.ssa.gov)

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Hiking Hadrian's Wall

Britain's new national trail traces 19-centuries-old barrier

BY MARY ELLEN BOTTER
The Dallas Morning News

arbarians? I don't see any barbarians beyond the mossy stones of Hadrian's Wall. But then, the Romans who built this barrier across northern England almost 2,000 years ago might not have been as nearsighted as I

Where I see sheep like cotton balls in the wind-raked pastures below Whin Sill ridge, legionnaires saw the threat of Celtic warriors sweeping down on this most-northern frontier of the Caesars' empire.

So they stacked stones and mortar in a snake across the wild landscape and took their stand for nearly 300 years. Sixteen centuries later, active

travelers are tracing the soldiers' tracks and scanning the same horizons as they stride along Hadrian's Wall Path, newest of Britain's national walking trails. Completed just last year, the route runs 84 miles from sea to sea: Wallsend on the east near of the North Sea to Bowness-on-Sol way in the west on the Irish Sea.

A devoted liker could spend a contented week traversing England on the trail that parallels the wall. I had only an afternoon to sample this walker's wonder. I chose a central segment of the trail considered the path's most dramatically scenic. The three stremuous miles between Steel was the stremuous miles between Steel than an hour from east-coast Newcastle — climb and drop like a roller coaster a cross hills only barely tamed by farmers and towns.

At the parking lot for Steel Rigg, one of many named sites along the wall, cabbie Stephen Sproul waits patiently while I lace on hiking boots and add an extra sweater, woolen scarf and nylon wind suit as armor against the chilly wind and fleeting showers that will mark my walk.

"I never get sick of coming up

here," Sproul says of the overlook, adding that he ferries "lots of Americans walking the trail end-to-end."

We agree to meet three hours

We agree to meet three hours later at Housesteads fort, and he leaves me to follow a slope down ward, open a gate and return to ancient times.

Beside me across open country



from hostile groups in the north who refused

Hadrian's Wall was built in 122 A.D. to separate Roman Britain from hostile groups in the north who refused to be conquered. Although many of the stones were removed in the early Middle Ages, large stretches of the wall can be found scattered across the countryside. such as this section at Housestead Roman Fort.



Like cotton balls with black faces, sheep populate the peaceful area surrounding Hadrian's Wall.

If you walk Hadrian's path

The wavelike hills and crags of the central area of the Hadrian's Wall Path, much of it within Northumberland National Park, are spectacular. But they're just one of the landscapes the national trail crosses.

The well-signposted path takes in city walks on its eastern end (South Shields to Chollerford), tranquil countryside (Gilsland to west of Carlisle), and salt marshes and estuaries (west of Carlisle to Bowness-on-Solway). The 84-mile route links with 40 short walks.

The 96-mile-long Hadrian's Cycleway for bicyclists will open in early 2005, roughly paralleling the wall and national trail and will include gravel and asphalt surfaces and quiet country roads. The bikeway, part of the National British civil engineering charity. Phone: (+44) (0) 845-113-0065; Web site www.sustrans.orgu.k, which lists planned World Heritage rides.

When to go: The trail is driest from mid-May through October. The Hadrian's Wall bus (AD122), linking all main sites, runs from late May through September. Guides are aboard some legs of the ride. Day fare is about \$11. For details, go to: www.nationaltrail.co.uk/hadrianswall/transport.htm.

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■ Getting there: For the Steel Rigg-Housesteads walk, go by train or plane to Newcastle, then by train or taxi to Hexham, then Haltwhistle. From Haltwhistle to Steel Rigg or Housesteads, take a cab. If you don't have a rental car, consider going by taxi to a starting point and having it pick you up later at an agreed finish

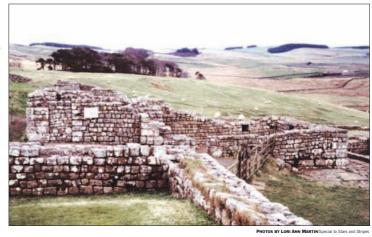
I used Sprouls Taxis, (+44) (0) 1434-321-064. My driver met me at the Newcastle airport, drove me about 40 minutes to the wall took my bags to the hotel, picked me up at walk's end and drove me to the hotel. The cost: \$85

- What to wear and carry: Be ready for sudden storms. Wear or carry layers of clothing. Hiking boots are a must. Wind will shred ponchos and umbrellas; carry or wear a water-resistant nylon wind suit or warm jacket. When walking in isolated areas, pack water and a snack. Carry a detailed map. Lone walkers should have a whistle for sum moning help. Some hikers carry GPS units.
- Difficulty: The Steel Rigg-to-Housesteads walk is strenuous and includes hard climbing and careful descents. It isn't for the sedentary, mobility-impaired or voung children
- Conservation: When making a round trip from Steel Rigg to Housesteads, take a circular route (brochure at Once Brewed National Park Center near Steel Rigg) to avoid retracing your steps and accelerating erosion near the wall. Walking rules prohibit walking on the wall itself because it can collapse
- Resources: Reach the Hadri an's Wall Tourism Partnership at (+44) (0) 1434-322-002; Web site www.hadrians-wall.org. Ask for the Hadrian's Wall Country Walking and Accommodations Guide

A good book: "Hadrian's Wall Path" (Aurum, \$16 from Amazon.com) by Anthony Burton is a

comprehensive guide to the trail. Maps prepared and sold by shepherd and avid walker Jon Monks: (+44) (0) 1670-774-675

Web site www.shepherdswalks. - DALLAS MORNING NEWS



Housesteads is the best preserved of 12 Roman forts built along Hadrian's Wall in 124 A.D. Known as Vercovicium, the garrison was designed to hold 800 soldiers. Barracks, a hospital, headquarters buildings and latrines that once worked with running water can be seen among the ruins. A m with artifacts from the site and a model of the fort is close by

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runs an unbroken line of stones quarried and shaped shortly after 122 A.D. when the Emperor Hadrian ordered a barrier to be built "to separate the Romans from barbarians" — the unconquered tribes of what now is Scotland

The wall here is chest-high and about 5 feet wide, the volcanic rock laid neatly, not by cap tive labor but by Roman soldiers and craftsmen. The structure once was larger here, as else where along the 73 miles of the original wall (today's trail is longer to detour around roads or other impediments)

After Rome's collapse in the early 400s, however, locals carried away the handsomely

dressed rock to use in newer structures. (The nearby crypt of 1.300-year-old Hexham Abbey. for example, is built almost en tirely of Roman stones.) Still, the wall writhes across the hills massive despite eons of pilfering.

The path underfoot is a chameleon, changing repeatedly from grass to paving stones, gravel to rocks or mud. I congratulate myself on packing hiking boots There are moments when I feel that without the sure footing they provide, a wind gust would bowl me over the crags

Almost immediately, the path begins to climb, and a flight of stone steps of varying heights confronts me at the top of a switchback. My thighs groan and my calves moo plaintively as I clamber upward. Those early-

morning minutes at home on the stationary bike are paying off, and I crest the ridge panting but proud.

Up and over a ladder stile crossing a kink in the wall, I see the distant waters of Crag Lough. Just below is the playing-card shape of Milecastle 39, one of the wall's many guard posts. Each contained barracks and supplies for a small unit of soldiers and acted as a passageway between unconquered territory north of the wall and Roman land south of it. Hadrian's stone serpent, the gated milecastles prove, was for frontier control. No battles would have been fought from the parapets. Romans preferred open fields for combat.

As I toil on the next hill, the gale pushes me upward. I think of the Romans in this isolated place 2,500 miles from the empire's easternmost boundary. The same cold wind out of Scotland that flings itself against my nylon cocoon must have cut cruelly through their woven

leggings and shirts. A skylark sings me onward, and I meet a merry foursome resting in the wall's lee, out of the wind. Friends Jon and Mary Franklin and Richard and Susan Rudge of Oxfordshire are making a seven-mile circle along the wall and through an adjacent valley. Mary and Susan will walk coast to coast in a future trip, and Mary says today's trek gives the feeling of being on that journey.

Susan adds that such epic walks can be done in "short bits" if a person is reasonably active and steady on their feet.

An irresistible photo op awaits at Milecastle 37. Its decapitated north gate, large enough to admit two horses side by side, thrusts skyward, forming pincers against the clouds.

Less than an hour later. I veer off the trail and head down to the walk's end at Housesteads, the



most complete Roman fort along the wall. Its five acres of ramparts and buildings are in ruins but remain well defined, and the site is one of two that draw special attention in the immediate area

At Vindolanda, just to the southwest, reconstructions put meat on the stone bones. And though Hadrian's Wall is revered as a World Heritage Site, the British Museum has decreed that England's "top treasure" are the humble ink-on-wood tablets discovered 30 years ago at this fort. Among these postcards from the past is the record of socks, sandals and underwear sent to a soldier stationed at Vindolanda. Another captures an invitation to a birthday party and the earliest known example of a woman's handwriting in Latin. Exhilarated and rain-spat-

tered, I rendezvous with my cabbie near the tea room by Housesteads. We leave the wall. but not its engineers. Segments of the highway to my hotel in Haltwhistle were built atop the Romans' mad that marched beside the wall. They run javelin-straight from a distant past to a rock-solid place in the present. Distributed by Knight-Ridder/Tribune Information Services.



Examples of the Roman central heating system are found at Housesteads Roman Fort along Hadrian's Wall. Hot air from an underground furnace circulated under floors and between double walls.

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Beyond the bullfights

Culture and location make bullfighting town memorable

BY PETER JAEGER

Stars and Stripes

apa" is still popular in Ronda, and Orson's ashes found their lasting peace outside of this Andalusian town in Spain's most southern province.

"Papa," Ernest Hemingway, the famous American writer and Nobel Prize winner, and Orson Welles, recognized American film director, both loved Ronda, Spain, and visited it often. Local souvenir shops still offer photographs of the Americans with their favorite torre-

ros. Both were bullfight aficionados and close friends of Antonia Ordónez, the Spanish matador legend. Welles' final resting place features a fountain on his estate near Ronda.

The Plaza de Toros of Ronda, the oldest bullring in Spain, opened in 1765 and remains home to two of the major dynasties of Spanish bullfighters, the Romeros and the Ordónezes.

Juan Romero, who reached the biblical age of 102 bullfighting, rinvented the use of picadors and banderillero in bullfighting. His son, Pedro, is known for killing 6,000 bulls in his life and performing his last bullfight at age 22 Many examples of bullfighting memorabilic can be seen in the local bullfight museum inside the Plaza de Toms.

But Ronda has much more to offer than bullfighting and bullfighting history.

When Rainer Maria Rilke, one of Germany's most famous poets, visited Ronda in 1913, he was thrilled by the location of this Andalusian town and the spectacular panoramas he found there. Located on a rock plateau that is split in half by a deep gorge called the Tajo, Ronda's main attraction is its breathraking location. The bridges span the river, connecting the old town, called Cludad, and the new quarters called Mercadillo.

The Puente Nuevo (new bridge), which is the main bridge between the two parts of Ronda, dominates the scene. An architectural masterpiece, the 600-foot-high bridge was finished in the 18th century and took 42 years to build. It is the work of the Andalusian architect Antonio Martin Alduhuela, who fell to his death while adding finishing touches to his creation.

Although not as dramatic as the Ponte Nuevo, the other two bridges are worth a visit. Located in a lower part of the canyon, the Puente Viejo, the old bridge, was built in 1616. The Puente Romano, the Roman bridge, was erected in the 14th century.

There are Arabian baths to visit nearby. Built in the 13th century, they display a perfect sample of Arabian culture in Andalusia. The baths are considered the best preserved in Spain. A video show explains their function and historical background.

Ronda, a small town of 36,000, is at an altitude of about 2,400 feet and is surrounded by mountains. It is only one hour north of the busy, hectic Costa del Sol and about two hours from Naval Station Rota. It is the perfect destination for a day trip. It has a relaxed southern atmosphere with outdoor cafes, reasonable horels and a offers many antique shops, medieval pelaces, a bandoleor museum, old churches and narrow cobblestone lanes.

The Museo Lara offers traditional flamenco evenings with food and wine. The old art of Spanish gypsy dancing is definitely a highlight of a stay in Ronda.

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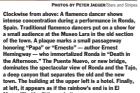




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More on Ronda

- For information on Ronda, Spain, call the tourist office at (+34) (0) 952 87 12 72 or go to the Web at www.ronda.net.
- For more on the tradition of flamenco dancing in the city, visit the Web at www.flamencoronda.com.
- There are many Web sites on the Plaza de Toros, bullfighting and its role in Ronda's history, but one good one is: www. andalucia.com/flamenco/home.htm.

- PETER JAEGER

Volksmarch

he annual Heidelberg volksmarch has finally arrived, so I know where you'll be on Saturday or Sunday, right? How could you even think about missing the 30th yearly event sponsored by the Heidelberg International Wandering Club, a popular event held in a popular town?

Here are details to help you plan your trip and day in Heidelberg

The walk begins in the International Gesamtschule in Heidelberg-Hasenleiser,

Jennifer West



American hospital There will be 5-, 11-22- and 42-kilometer trails on Saturday and Sunday. If a 50K is more your style, walk this longer distance, the club's first such trail, on Saturday,

Germany, behind the

The 5K will be flat and stroller-friendly the 11K is also stroller friendly but hilly. The 22K and marathons

are hilly and go past the Heidelberg Cas tle. And those of you on the 42- and 50-kilometer trails will also see the Old Town and Philosopher's Way as well as cross the Neckar River over the old bridge

Here are the start times: The 5-, 11- and 22-kilometer trails begin on Saturday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the 42K starts Saturday between 7-9 a.m., Sunday between 7-8 a.m. The 50K on Saturday starts 7-8 a.m.

Here's another reason to spend your Saturday walking in this incredible city The Heidelberg Castle Illumination will take place Saturday evening! What a fantastic opportunity to walk,

volunteer a few hours to help the club members, shower and then head off to see the castle illumination and fireworks. If vou've never seen this special Heidelberg event, Saturday is definitely the day to walk

The prize for completing the 5-, 11- or 22-kilometer trails is a white beer stein featuring the castle and old bridge. If you're a long-distance marcher, you'll receive a Heidelberg Castle patch and a certificate.

Have you registered your team yet for the Commander's Cup? Pre-register with the club: contact Rob or Cath Floyd at 06227-841226 or 0172-6239338 for more information about the event. They'll need to know the name of your unit and number of marchers. Members of your unit may walk on either day. The awards cere-

mony will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday in the start hall. The club still needs volunteers to make this the best event ever. Again, call the

Floyds for more information. The club and the surrounding countryside offer one of the most beautiful and challenging courses you'll find in Germany. Whether you enjoy walking through the towns and forest or running in the hills, this event will be right up your alley.

Notes about this week's volksmarches

■ Young-Walkers'-Tour, or Bambini-Liga, credit is available at Eging am See, Hattersheim am Main and St. Julian. Germany.

■ The walk in Görgeshausen, Germany, begins in the furniture store Müllerland.

■ The Wanderclub "Schiefer Turm" Kitzingen 1974 e.V., Germany, will award a commemorative beer stein to celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. To add this stein to your collection, walk the short course that is between 5 and 6 kilometers long, the 10K or the 20K. All three trails start on Saturday and Sunday in the Hohenfeld Sportheim from 6 a.m. to noon. Hohenfeld is a suburb of Kitzingen.

■ A two-day, 25-kilometer marching event in Luxembourg takes place this weekend, beginning in Oberanven (NiederHere are events sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (Internationaler Volkssportverband, or IVV) near U.S. military installations in Europe. Locations are noted in the host language when possible. Find more extensive lists on the Web at www.ivv.org.

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Fulda-Johannesberg	Sat 1000-1300, Sun 0700-1200	Bike	25	Vereinszentrum	B-medal	HE, SW of Fulda
Görgeshausen	Sat & Sun 0630-1400	F	5 & 10	Möbelhaus Müllerland	No award	RP, NW of Limburg an der
Görgeshausen	Sat & Sun 0630-1300	F	20	Möbelhaus Müllerland	No award	RP, NW of Limburg an der Lahn
Hattersheim	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BFX	5, 10, 20	Posthof	B-mdl/Ceramic plate	HE, E of Wiesbaden
Heidelberg	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1300	BDFsX	5, 11, 22	Int'l Gesamtschule	Beer stein	BWN, Beh. Nachrichten Kaserne
Heidelberg	Sat 0700-0900, Sun 0700-0800	М	42	Int'l Gesamtschule	Patch & certificate	BWN, Beh. Nachrichten Kaserne
Heidelberg	Sat 0700-0800	М	50	Int'l Gesamtschule	Patch & certificate	BWN, Beh. Nachrichten Kaserne
Kerlingen	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BFX3	5 & 10	Scheidberghalle	B-medal	SAR, W of Saarlouis
Kerlingen Kitzingen/Hohenfeld	Sat & Sun 0700-1200 Sat & Sun 0600-1200	BFX3	20 5, 10, 20	Scheidberghalle Sportheim	B-medal Beer stein	SAR, W of Saarlouis FRU, S of Kitzingen
Kümbdchen	Sat & Sun 0700-1500	BFX	6 & 10	Turnhalle	Weizenhiemlas	RP. N of Simmern
Kümbdchen	Sat & Sun 0700-1100	BFX	20	Turnhalle	Weizenbierglas	RP, N of Simmern RP, N of Simmern
Kümbdchen Lütiensee	Sat & Sun 0700-1500 Fri 1700-1900	Bike	25 6 & 10	Turnhalle Schule	Weizenbierglas No award	RP, N of Simmern SHH, NE of Hamburg
Lütjensee	Fri 1700-1900	Bike	25	Schule	No award	SHH, NE of Hamburg
Lütjensee	Sat 0700-1500, Sun 0730-1230	F	6 & 10	Schule	No award	SHH, NE of Hamburg
Lütjensee Lütjensee	Sat 0700-1200, Sun 0730-1000 Sat & Sun 0730-1200	Bike	20 25	Schule Schule	No award No award	SHH, NE of Hamburg SHH, NE of Hamburg
Lütiensee	Sat 0700-0900	M	42	Schule	Patch & certificate	SHH, NE of Hamburg
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Markt Schwaben	Sat 0700-1300, Sun 0700-1200	Bike	25 & 50	Gewerbegebiet Gewerbegebiet	Hanging glass ball Hanging glass ball	MOB, NE of München
Oberhof	Sat 1300-1600, Sun 0700-1300 Sat 1300-1400, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	6 & 11	Thimoshalle	B-medal	BWS, SW of Waldshut BWS, SW of Waldshut
Oberhof	Sat 1300-1400, Sun 0700-1300 Sat & Sun 0700-1200	BFX F	20	Thimoshalle Volksschule	B-medal Stuffed cat	BWS, SW of Waldshut
Obermässing Riegelsberg	Sat & Sun 0700-1200 Sat & Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 20 5, 10, 20	Riegelsberghalle	No award	FRM, N of Ingolstadt SAR, NW of Saarbrücken
Roggden	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	F	5. 10. 20	Sportheim	Religious candle	SCH_NW of Augsburg
St. Julian St. Julian	Sat 0600-1800, Sun 0600-1400 Sat & Sun 0600-0900	BDFX	5, 10, 20	Turnhalle Turnhalle	B-medal/Beer mug Patch & certificate	RP, S of Idar-Oberstein
St. Julian	Sat & Sun 0600-0900 Sat & Sun 0600-0730	M	42 50	Turnhalle	Patch & certificate	RP, S of Idar-Oberstein RP, S of Idar-Oberstein
Walsrode	Sun 0800-1200	F	6 & 10	Hof Lütjens	No award	NDS, SE of Bremen
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Italy						
Faugnacco/Martignacco Fontanafredda	Sun 0830-0930 Sun 0830-0930	F FX	6, 11, 18 6, 12, 18	Agriturismo Ca Marian Cheese Factory	Plant Souvenir (1st 500)	W of Udine W of Pordenone
La Salute di Livenza	Sun 0830-0930	F	6. 11. 22	Central plaza	1 kilo rice	SW of Portogruaro
S. Cristina di Val Gardena	Sat 0800-1430, Sun 0800-1200	E	6, 12, 21	Sportcenter Iman	Hat or t-shirt	W of Cortina d'Ampezzo
Turriaco Turri/Montegrotto Terme	Sun 0900-1000 Sun 0800-0900	F	6 & 10 6, 14, 21	Piazza Liberta Villa Draghi	Waist pack No award	NW of Monfalcone SW of Padova
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Goldach	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1300	-	5, 10, 20	Technisches Zentrum	Souvenir	NE of St. Gallen
United Kingd						
Pangbourne	Sun 0900-1000	-	5 & 10	Ducks Ditty Café	Souvenir	NW of Reading
Radstock	Sun 0900-1000	-	10 & 20	Youth Centre	Souvenir	SW of Bath

- B Awards from past events available (B-med-D - Shower or wash facilities available at start
- E Engraver will attend the event
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- FRO Oberfranken (Upper Franken) FRM - Mittelfranken (Middle Franken) FRU - Unterfranken (Lower Franken)
- anven). Walk a 25K on Saturday, and another on Sunday, and you'll receive two separate IVV stamps; there's a different trail each day. The daily start window is 7

to 10 a m If a castle walk is more of your style. join the club for 5- and 10-kilometer marches on both days. That start window

- M Marathon or long-distance event P Music at start hall (see miscelland for day/time) S - Stroller-friendly trails Shorter trail is specifically noted as stroll-

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is 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Saturday's and Sunday's finish times are 5 p.m.

■ Italy notes: The folks in Fontanafredda have a really good restoro.

The altitude variance in S. Cristina di Val Gardena is 100 meters for the 6K, 200 meters for the 12K, and 250 meters for the 21K. For information on lodging and sign-

T - Evening/Night walk, handcarry a flashlight X - Award available only while supply lasts

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ups check out www.val-gardena.com/ ciambonfs

The Turri di Montegrotto Terme event should be a good walk for those who enjoy the mountains — the Colle Euganei is

E-mail Jennifer West at volksmarch@mail.estripes. osd. mil. Write her at: Volksmarch Column, Stars and Stripes, Bldg. 2899, Pulaski Barracks, APO AE 09227-3717 (MPS).

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The Armed Forces Recreation Center at Garmisch, Germany, offers the 19th Annual Fat Tire

Mountain Bike Race Sept. 11 at AFRC Keans Lodge in Garmisch. Germany. See story on this page

AFRC also offers children's programs and tours. And the Fidelweiss Resort opens Sept. 15! Call DSN 440-2575 or CIV 08821-72981 or visit www.afrceurope.com

Baumholder Outdoor Recreation offerings: Sept. 11 and 18, Bad Dürkheim wine fest, \$35. Call DSN 485-7182 or 06783-6-7182 or go to www.armvgermanv.com/odr.

Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recre ation offers tours and events: Sent 3-6, Austrian Alps: includes bike tour and paragliding, rafting, canyon ing and skiing, \$329; Sept. 4, cance trip on the Sauer River, \$35 Sept. 5, Mosel-A-Flame, \$25; Sept. 5, spa day, \$35/30; Sept. 5 Euro Disney, \$95/85; Sept. 10-12, Swiss Alos adventures in Lauterbrunnen Switzerland activities including rafting, canyoning, paraglid ing, skydiving, bungee jumping. kayaking and biking, \$160; Sept. 11. wine fest in Bad Dürkheim, \$20: Sept. 11, deep-sea fishing, \$120; Sept. 12, trout fishing, includes equipment, no license needed, \$35 Sept. 12 auto-free day in Wissem bourg, France, \$35/25; Sept. 12, Amneville Theme Park in France, options include the amusement park, zoo, aquarium, golf course casino, ropes course, water park and more, \$35; Sept. 17-19 rafting and canyoning in Garmisch starting at \$95; Sept. 18. Oktober fest in Munich. \$49: Sept. 19. Six Flags in Belgium, \$79/65; Sept. 24-26, Paris city visit and bike tour \$199: Sept. 24, after-work spa night, \$35/30; Sept. 25, Stuttgart Beerfest, the largest beer fest in

AFRC hosts mountain bike races

chance to stake their claim as the biking champion of the 2004 season at the last race in the U.S. Army Europe's Mountain Bike Championship Series on

The 19th annual Fat Tire Spectacular hosted by the Armed Forces Recreation Center Resorts starts at Keans Lodge in

Garmisch, Germany. Races are separated into male and female divisions with age categories for everyone. AFRC will award prizes to the top three finalists in each class.

The races take place on a course with diverse terrain, including chances to splash through mud, get airborne off iumps and cruise down fast slopes. The length ranges from three laps in the beginners' race to five in the advanced races The first event begins at 8 a.m. with the last concluding at 4 p.m Seats at the start and finish lines let everyone cheer the racers on,



RAD HAYS/Courtesy of AFRC

while enjoying food, music and a great day in the Alps. Active-duty ID cardholders may earn points in the race

Championship Series standings Since the Fat Tire Spectacular is the final race of the year. US-AREUR will crown winners for the 2004 Mountain Bike Championship Series at the post-race awards ceremony.

For those who aren't ready to race but want to try a real moun-tain bike course, AFRC hosts a race for beginners. Children ages and younger with a parent present may enter the Just For Kids race, a 1/3 lap mini-race.

Sign-up on race day costs \$20 or 20 euros. The first 150 to register receive a Fat Tire T-shirt, and all racers have a chance to win prizes from a variety of race sponsors, includ-

ing Military Car Sales. To register and for more information contact AFRC Outdoor Recreation at DSN 440-2591/ 2644 or CIV 08821-52066 (fax 08821-56442). For lodging, call AFRC Vacation Planning at DSN 440-2575 or CIV 08821-72981 or visit www.afrceurope.com

train admissions and six days of tours with lunches, 999 euros. All flight tours depart from Frankfurt ernational Airport.

Call DSN 480-6330/489-7064/ 496-7719 or see www.RTTtravel com for information. Ramstein Outdoor Recreation

offers tours and events: Sept. 9 canoeing at Gelterswoog lake, \$15; Sept. 11, Luxembourg cave and rappelling, \$40. Call DSN 480-5705 or civilian 06371-47-5705. Ramstein (KMC) RTT Destina tions Unlimited: By bus: Sept. 4,

Brussels and Brugge, \$169; Sept. 4-6, Sound of Music tour of Salzburg, \$259. RTT offers these trips by air: Oct. 9-16 and Nov. 20-27, Egypt; Oct. 24-31, Mos cow and St. Petersburg. Call DSN 480-6330, 489-7064, 496-7719

Spangdahlem Outdoor Recreation offers these tours: Sept. 10-12, Holland Sea Kayak and

Biking, \$75 adults, \$60 per child (ages 12-18), min. age 12; **Sept. 15**, Intro to Scuba Diving, \$35 pe person, min. age 18; Sept. 17-19. Swiss Canoeing and Canyoning Weekend, \$335 per person/four person room, \$375 per person/two person room, min. age 18 years; Sept. 26, Luxembourg Cave Rap-pel, \$35 per person, min. age 12 years; Sept. 28-Oct. 3, Italy Scuba Certification Course, \$550 for uncertified divers, \$500 for certified divers, min. age 18, Call DSN 452-7176 or COMM 06565-61-7176 for more information.

Spangdahlem ITT offers these tours: Sept. 2-6, Spain Ole, three overnights, \$339 per adult, \$299 per child (2-12); **Sept. 3-6**, Milan and Switzerland, \$399 per adult, \$289 per child (3-12, sharing with 2 full-paying persons); **Sept. 4**, Bernkastel Wine Fest, **\$27 per** adult, \$22 per child (3-12); Sept. 11, Bad Dürkheim, \$30 per adult, \$25 per child (3-12); Sept. 10-11, Payless Tour: London, \$69 per person; Sept. 10-11, Berlin Ex press, \$85 per adult, \$80 per child (3-12); **Sept. 18**, Oktoberfest Express, \$79 per adult; Sept. 18, Rhine in Flames: St. Goar, \$89 per person; Sept. 18, Warner Bros Movie World, \$59 adults, \$54 children (3-12); Sept. 25, Cochem eval dinner, \$75 per adult; Sept. 25. Oktoberfest Express \$79 per adult; and **Sept. 25-26** Best of Paris: one overnight, \$209 per adult, \$169 per child (3-12). Call DSN 452-6567 or COMM 06565-61-6567 for more informa

USO Rhine-Neckar Region offers tours and events: Sept. 4, Medieval dinner and knight's tourna ment at Schloss Auerbach, 65 euros; **Sept. 4**, Heidelberg castle illumination, 20 euros; **Sept. 5**, Satzvey medieval fest, \$59. Contact USO Darmstadt at DSN 348-7918; USO Heidelberg at DSN 370-7924; and USO Mannheim at DSN 385-3195

ITT Gaeta offers: Sept. 3-6, Prague, Czech Republic; **Sept.**19-20. Oktoberfest in Munich. Germany; Oct. 8-11, weekend in Sicily; Nov. 25-28, Thanksgiving in Paris, Call DSN 627-7632 or CIV 0771-709-632

Europe, \$30; Sept. 26, Belgian Antique Market, \$35. For more information call DSN: 489-7751 or CIV: 0631-536-7751

The 417th RSR Outdoor Recreation at Larson Barracks in Kitzingen, Germany, offers these adventure trips: Sept. 3-6. kavak expedition; **Sept. 9 and 16**, intro to kayak touring; **Sept. 11-12**, Garmisch camping and mounta biking; **Sept. 18**, evening paddle Leisure travel: **Sept. 2 and 25**, Oktoberfest; Oct. 18, Rhine in flames. Call DSN 355- 8629 or civilian 09321-305-8629

Ramstein (KMC) RTT Destinations Unlimited tours: By bus Sept. 1, 4, 9, 12, 15, 19, 22, 25 and 30, Castles on the Rhine \$89: Sept. 4-5. Sound of Music night in Salzburg with tours and visit to Obersalzburg and Herrenchiemsee castle, \$259; Sept. 5. Mosel River tour, \$79; Sept. 17-19 Prague and Karlovy Vary, one

overnight, \$189; Sept. 4-5, Brussels and Bruges, one overnight \$169; Sept. 11 and 23, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein and Schloss Linderhof tours, \$99: Sept. 18 Rad Dürkheim Wine fest and Würstmarket, \$39; Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2. Oktoberfest Family Express: celebrate the world's most famous continuing wedding reception on the Wies'n by Munich with return around midnight, \$69; Sept. 25, Cochem Castle tour and knight's dinner, \$89; Sept. 25. Nancy, \$99; Sept. 26, Cannstatte Wasen: the biggest fall fest west of Munich \$49

By air: **Oct. 5-12**, Red Sea Scuba Diving. Direct flight from Frankfurt, resort hotel and half-board, 769 euros; Oct. 9-16 and Nov. 20-27, Egypt: hotels, tours, admissions and three days of cruising the Nile, 1159/1149 euros; Oct. 24-31. Moscow and St. Petersburg, flight, hotels, overnight

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ANTWERPALILE: Year of P.P.
Reubens, through September.
ZEEBRUGGE: Sand sculpture festival, through Sept. 5.
BRUSSELS: Beer festival, Sept.
3-5. Grand' Place

ENGLAND

Telephone: (44) 81/846-9000 www.visitbritain.com CHICHESTER: Goodwood revival, Sept. 3-5. Nostalgic motor racing BLACKPOOL: Illuminations, Sept.

3-Nov. 7.
DUXFORD: Air show, Sept. 4-5.
KENDAL: Torchlight carnival, Sept. 10.
WINDSOR: National carriage driving

championships, **Sept. 10-12**. THROUGHOUT the country: Heritage Days, **Sept. 10-13**. SOUTHAMPTON: Boat show,

Sept. 10-12. YORK: Festival of food and drink, Sept. 10-Sept. 19. LONDON: Great river race, Sept.

11. River Thames
MAIDSTONE: Castle balloon and
vintage car weekend, Sept. 11-12.
SOUTHPORT: Air show and military
display, Sept. 11-12.
BIRMINGHAM: ArtsFest. Sept.

11-12.
HARROGATE: Autumn flower show, Sept. 17-19.
LONDON: Chelsea antiques show.

Sept. 17-26. YEOVIL: Air day, Sept. 18. LONDON: Thames festival, Sept. 18-19.

FRANCE

Telephone: (33) 1/49.52.53.54 www.francetourism.com NORMANDY: D-Day comemmorations, through September. www. normandiememiore.com METZ: Flea market, Oct. 30, Nov. 13

DIJON: Int'l folk dance and music festival, **through Sept. 5**. DEAUVILLE: American film festival, **50** BETSCHDORF (Alsace): Pottery

festival, Sept. 4-5.
HOLTZWIHR (Alsace): Sauerkraut festival, Sept. 4-5.
KAYSERSBERG (Alsace): Potterv

festival, Sept. 4-5.

ROSSFELD (Alsace): Beer festival,
Sept. 4-5.

MUTZIG (Alsace): Beer festival, Sept. 5.

RIBEAUVILLÉ (Alsace): Fiddlers' festival, **Sept. 5**. THROUGHOUT the Alsace: Jewish culture day, **Sept. 5**.

MOLSHEIM (Alsace): Bugatti festival, **Sept. 10-12**. COLMAR (Alsace): Boatmen festi-

COLMAR (Alsace): Boatmen festival, Sept. 11-12. SELESTAT (Alsace): Gastronomic fair. Sept. 11-12, 18-19.

CERNAY (Alsace): Horse festival, Sept. 12. WESTHOFFEN (Alsace): Horse

festival, **Sept. 12**.
PARIS: Biennale antiques fair, **Sept. 14-18**.

Sept. 14-18.
SAINTE-MARIE-AUX-MINES:
European patchwork meeting,
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STRASBOURG: Int'l contemporary music festival, Sept. 17-Oct. 2. CLEEBOURG (Alsace): Wine festival and parade, Sept. 18-19. HEGENHEIM (Alsace): Street festival, Sept. 18-19.

val, Sept. 18-19.
PARIS and country: Journees du Patrimoine, Sept. 18-19. Open house to historical monuments ROUFFACH (Alsace): Beer festival, Sept. 18-19.

GERMANY

Telephone: (49) 69/97464-0 www.germany-lourism.de HAMELN: Pied Piper play, **Sundays through Sept. 12**. Noon in town center. KARLSRUHE: Beer fair, **Sept. 3-5**. HEIDELBERG: Castle illumination and crafts market, **Sept. 4**.

DRESDEN: Pottery festival, **Sept. 4-5**. HIRSCHBORN: Knights festival, **Sept. 4-5**.

Sept. 4-5.
SEESEN: Historic Sehusa festival.
Sept. 4-5. Historical festival
AACHEN: Europe craftsmen's
market. Sept. 4-5. 350 craftspeo

ple DRESDEN: Pottery festival, **Sept.** 4-5

HAMBURG: Medieval tournament/market, **Sept. 4-5**. BENSHEIM: Wine festival, **Sept. 4-12**

HEILBRONN: Wine village, Sept. 9-17.

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1-11.
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BELGIUM: Enjoy the cultural atmosphere of Brussels' Grand Place while drinking a variety of Belgian beers at the city's annual beer festival. which takes place at the market square tomorrow though the weekend. More than 30 brewer ies will serve their brews Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Catch a procession of historic brewery carts and beer wagons at noon Saturday. For details, go to www.belgian beerweekend.be. For more details on Belgian beer, try www.visitbelgium.com heer htm

GERMANY: If you're looking for some crafts or would like to get ideas for your own projects, head to Aachen this weekend for the annual European Craftsmen Market More than 300 stands with 600 craftspeople will show their talents in the city's Old Town around the cathedral and Town Hall. Some of the arts include textiles, metal, glass, jewelry, pottery, wood, leather, silk and porcelain. It runs Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Details on the Web at www europamarket-aachen.de.

ITALY: If you're interested in trends in the cinema, the possibilities in film digital technologies and the newest ideas in 35 mm feature films, head to Venice for its International Film Festival (one of the top in Europe), which runs through Sept. 11. Of the 1,892

submissions, 71 films will be shown, represented by 29 courties from Algeria to the United States. This year's retrospective is dedicated to the secret history of Italian cinema 1960 to 1980. For schedules and ticket information, go to the Web at www.labienale.org/en/cinema.

NETHERIANDS: Aalsmeet

is the starting point of one of Holland's biggest flower pa-rades, which takes place Satur-day. More than 1.5 million flowers - chrysanthemums, roses, freesias and lilies decorate the 20 floats and 30 cars. This year's theme is "There is music in ... the parade," and not only marching hands but also musicians on the floats will provide lively sounds. The parade leaves Aalsmeer at 8:30 a.m. and arrives at the Dam in Amsterdam at 4:30 p.m., with a stop in between at Amstelveen. It leaves Amsterdam to go to Sloten, Badhoevedorp and Hoofddorp. On Sunday it visits Nieuwyennen, Burgerveen. Rijssenhout and finally Aalmeer.

If you want to watch how the floats are made, stop in Thursday at Aalmeer's Flower Auction or watch the local parade on Friday. The Aalsmeer tourist board number is (+31) (0) 297/324 100.

If the Aalsmeer procession is too much for you, go to Eelde's flower parade on Saturday. It includes 19 floats and six bands as well as an Old Timer show and fireworks. The Eelde tourist board number is (+31) (0) 50/309 1387.

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Horoscope

ry goes direct, making our communication much more straightforward

and logical. This could come as a relief, as simple transactions are once again possible. But there's another side as well. When it's difficult to communicate, we try harder and are made more aware of our desire to he heard.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 2). You've got something special to offer the world this year. and the accentance you

feel is overwhelming. Singles start dating someone new this month, possibly a Libra or Gemini. Major commitments and wild adventures happen in October. Job success comes at the price of overtime hours in November

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Strange happenings at the start of the day put you on guard. Knowing about new possibilities gives you more choices. Don't fear anything you can't control. (The flip side of the concept is to take control wherever you possibly can.)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You trump colleagues in a certain area but could feel that overall you're a little behind the ball. This is the prompt winners like you know to respond to immediately. A coach or mentor will help you keep your competitive edge

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Resolve to get down to the nitty-grittv and do things the right way — in other words, do them once and for all - even if it means more work. If you rely on your charismatic presence while others toil away, you

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Love comes in many different forms New relationshins snark up, and old ones resonate at a higher level of respect. If you've been suffering in a "job," you will finally start working on a "career" today

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's always a nice surprise when you

uncover yet another of your talents. You'll come across something new perhaps a game or sport, and right

away, you've got a feel for how to do it well. This activity is worth pursuing

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your participation in a group shows everyone around that you're a team

Joyce Jillson

player, and generous, too. Career advancement comes when your work is seen

by your immediate superi-or. Put yourself in the limeliaht.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not a

day for the faint at heart - challenges pop up right and left. It's like your navigating some kind of video game. Keep pushing to be the best. Old problems need new

solutions. Clients welcome you

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you collaborate with others

who are headed in the same direction, you'll reach a goal together Something broken gives you a fantastic idea or produces a fortuitous meeting that wouldn't have happened otherwise

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your poetic spirit is highlighted. This doesn't mean you'll be walking around rhyming to yourself (although

you're certainly welcome to). You will be seeing the world vividly and associating new meanings with CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Read, engage in witty banter, or do a crossword puzzle — any-

thing to stretch mental muscles Exercising your mind allows you to achieve confidence. Young people need support, in the form of ideas, money or a listening ear.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You get to the meat of the matte

quickly today, which is why you'll have some free time to blow later in the evening, (Free time? What a concept!) The age issue arises. Whatever yours is, there's much to be said for acting it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is an excellent day to get on the

phone and start moving some product — especially if your "product" is you! There are more people than you think out there who need exactly what you're offering

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Taking steps for a better lifestyle JUR

passionately about individuals taking steps each day to improve the quality of their lives. Please help me spread the word about improving the health of millions of Americans

Nearly two out of three Americans are overweight/obese and at risk for diabetes, heart disease and other illnesses associated with obesity Recent studies from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

indicate that overweight and obesity may soon surpass tobacco as the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, People need to know that conquering weight gain is more about taking a daily walk around

the neighborhood than running a marathon. Please encourage your readers to see for themselves how small stens can lead to hig health bene fits. Taking the stairs instead of the escalator, substituting fruit

portions of dessert can add up to giant steps on the path to a healthier life.

— Tommy G. Thompson Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Dear Secretary Thompson:

You're right, mail on the subject of obesity does cross my desk. I'm

pleased to promote you campaign because I want to do my part in helping my re help themselves to

longer, healthier lives. It's interesting that ou mentioned "stens to better health, be cause coincidentally. I received the following a few days before your letter came

Dear Abby: When I hit the

scale at 250-plus, my blood sugar shot up and I knew it was finally time to take action. I had read an article about walking 10,000 steps a day and decided to try it

At first I couldn't walk more

than 6,000 steps without hurting all over. It was discouraging, but it was my last hone, so I cut back to a more manageable number of steps and increased gradually by about 500 steps a week. After three months, I was finally up to 10,000 steps a day.

I lost a pant size in three months, but there were more benefits: My appetite changed. I enjoy salads, vegetables, fresh fruit, lean meat. I began to discern the difference between

being full and being satisfied Please, Abby, encourage your readers to check out a

10,000-step program. - Leaner and Healthier in New York

Dear L and H: Congratulations for your progress and thanks for sharing your secret. When it comes to exercise, sometimes the hardest step to take is that first

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Now arrange the circled letters to

Up, up and away into the wild

Grandmother not fit to baby-sit

Dear Annie: When my older sister died a few years ago, she left her 8-month-old son, "Timmy," in the care of my mother and stepfa-

Within three months. they were spanking him for everything, and as he grew more mobile, Mon was not able to care for him properly. After she called the police four times to catch him after he ran out of the house, Children's Protective Services took Timmy away. He was finally

placed with his biological father. Here is my problem: My wife just gave birth to our first child a girl. My mother has been over to see her a few times and often says she would be more than happy to baby-sit. Actually, her offers border on insistent.

I love my mother, but I don't want my child left alone with her. I worry Mom will be irresponsible or abusive, and I can't take that chance. How am I supposed to keep my daughter

Annie's Mailbox

safe without offending my mother?

California Dear Concerned: Worry less about offend ing your mother and more about protecting your daughter. Tell Mom, "It's much too soon for us to be thinking about baby sitters. We'll let you know." As far as we're concerned. you can repeat that

until your daughter is 16.

Dear Annie: I read the letter about the couple who upgraded the cruise gift the in-laws gave them. I was outraged anyone would do this. It's not as if the narents won't notice. How insult-

When you are given a gift, you should accept it graciously. The parents certainly could have afforded a better cabin for them selves if they hadn't invited along their son and daughter-in-law. For the children to upgrade their cabin is rude and

ungracious. If this were my son I'd cancel the trip.

- Poor Etiquette in Wisconsin Dear Wisconsin: Ungracious is a good word, but we'd rather lieve the couple was simply taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity and meant no disrespect. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: You were right on the money when you said this might be a chance of a lifetime for their son and wife to take that

We had a similar situation when my in-laws purchased a two-day vintage train trip for us to the Grand Canyon during a visit to Arizona. While we completely appreciated the wonderful gift, we decided to pay for an upgrade, since we probably would never get the chance to have that "first

class" experience again. — Omaha, Neb. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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DEAR . YOU'VE "DON'T FRET, MA'AM.... NED YOUR ELBOW!" IT'S ONLY A FLIFSH WOUND!"



Gary







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Getting to the truth

After reading the letter "Kerry? Incom-prehensible" (Aug. 19), I am just taking a wild guess that the writer is not real fond of John Kerry and probably won't be donating to his campaign.

I do wonder about the relevance of some

of the statements made. Does it really matter why Mr. Kerry enlisted in the Navy? The fact is, he did enlist and did serve his country. Does it really matter that he spent "only" four months fighting in com-bat? How long in combat is long enough?

To the letter writer: If you don't like the man because he spoke out against the Viet-nam War, then so be it. If you don't like his voting record, OK. If you don't like the di rection the current administration is taking the country, that's OK, too. But you might want to get past the rhetoric and hy-

perbole and try to get to the truth.

How did the candidates actually vote and why? A good place to start is Vote Smart, www.vote-smart.org. The site has a lot of good information including congresvoting records.

Did Kerry or President Bush actually say or do what is claimed? Good places to start there are sites such as Truth or Fiction, www.truthorfiction.com, and Snopes, www.snopes.com. And if you want to cut through all the spin that the candidates throw into their political ads, you can go to Annenhers Political Fact check www.factcheck.org.

Gordon Uscier Würzburg, Germany

Abuse claim unfounded

As a physician at the 31st Combat Sup port Hospital in Baghdad, I am offended by the accusations in the Associated Press article "Professor: Iraq prison docs aided abuse" (Stars and Stripes, Aug. 21). In the article, a bioethicist charges, "Doctors working for the U.S. military in Iraq 'collaborated with interrogators in the abuse of detainees' at Abu Ghraib.

I would most certainly agree that it would be a reprehensible act if any physi cian performed or assisted in performing any torture or knew of torture and did not try to stop it. If this has occurred, I hope that the appropriate investigations will bring out the truth and bring any perpetrators to justice.

The reporter quoted a Boston psychiatrist and the Minnesota medical ethicist. Neither one has been anywhere close to Iraq, or spoken to physicians who have served or are serving here. Their accusa-tions seem to come primarily from detainees who would likely have a biased viewpoint and limited knowledge of the circumstances. Although the accusations may seem believable and horrendous, there

are likely very reasonable explanations.

It appears that the AP report and the articles cited by the reporter are very biased accounts and opinions trying to defame the physicians and the U.S. military. As a physician who is working for the Army, I take great offense with this. The physicians I know are focused on providing the best medical care possible to all patients who come in. I know of no physician who

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has joined the military to go to a prison

camp in order to torture prisoners. At the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad, we treat patients of all nationali-ties, including the insurgents. All patients who enter our doors get the best treatment possible. No available, necessary treatment is withheld from anyone. Our motto here is "Rightfully Proud." We are confident that this is the best medical care available in Iraq. Saddam Hussein himself would agree - he has been brought here for treatment.

Perhans those truly interested in renorting the facts as they pertain to the medical staff and the treatment of detainees would like to visit Baghdad and do some research before making their accusations and writing their articles

Maj. Gregory H. Chow

Baghdad

Weighing in on pennies

In the letter "Pennies add up" (Aug. 25), the writer observed that when he made a purchase at South Victory Base in Bagh-dad, his change was rounded to the nearest nickel instead of handing out pennies The mathematical calculation that has Army and Air Force Exchange Service overcharging us by more than \$15,552 per year is amazing However its basic assumption is wrong.

Not every transaction puts one or two pennies in favor of AAFES. About half of the transactions put the pennies in favor of the customers. So it becomes a wash.

If you are anywhere overseas, you will notice this practice is policy at all establishments except the post office. This happens at the commissary, BX/PX and Services/Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. The real question should be why.

Look at the reality of cargo space or weight and cost. It is more expensive per pound to ship pennies overseas and to mote locations than they are worth. How much space and weight would it take to ship \$15,552 worth of pennies to a combat zone? Wouldn't you prefer to have mail or much-needed supplies on the airplane? Having spent several years overseas at

different locations, I prefer to do without

pennies and wish they would get rid of them in the United States.

Master Sgt. Chazz Steiner Ramstein Air Base, Germany

End the five-year rule

Now that President Bush has announced the realignment of U.S. forces abroad, there are many concerns among the ranks. Mine, being a Department of the Army civilian employee, is the five-year rule and how it affects my career progression.

Now that it appears many civilian posi-

tions will either move stateside or simply be done away with, there should be no reason to maintain the five-year rotation rule in Europe. This policy has attributed to many workers remaining stagnant in their careers, and as one of our European leaders recently stated in a speech, "We cannot remain stagnant and hope to progress with the changing times." That should also be true about the five-year rotation rule, which is some 50-odd years old.

Ending this rule will let Army civilian workers of more than five years to qualify for a broader range of jobs. I qualify in many fields of the GS system; however, there are few positions that are considered mission-essential and thus enable one who has exceeded five years to dodge the rule and excel despite having invested much in building a life in Europe.

U.S. European Command leaders should seriously consider doing away with the rule and assisting dedicated Army civilian workers to further their careers, per-haps in fields that show a more promising future. The media always talk about how realignment will affect soldiers and family members, but let's not forget there is another part of our military machine that must not be overlooked, the Department of the Army civilians and their counterparts with the other services. Charles C. Jones

Schweinfurt, Germany

Deaths equally devastating

While I find it noble that the writer of Sending women to war wrong" (Aug. 15) has a sense of indignation at the taking of human life during war, I feel it is wrong-minded to state that such loss is somehow more devastating if the soldier is female. The placement of women in harm's way is no more deliberate, on the part of the government, than is the location of a male soldier.

Also, I was no less informed of the result of my decision to enlist in the military than were the thousands of individuals who took the oath alongside me, and no more or less ignorant of the facts. I was young, enthusiastic, idealistic, but not unin-formed with regard to the ramifications of my decision. I chose this life, and find it disheartening to think that change is still looked upon as a violation of "historic

Yes, weep at the loss of life, but celebrate the commitment of all soldiers standing for what they defend, no matter the gender

Staff Sgt. KimberLeigh Beasley Logistical Support Area Anaconda, Iraq

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

McCain courted on both sides of the aisle

his is, of course, George W. Bush's week, the time that he is formally confirmed in his candidacy for a second term as president.

But Bush is staying away from the Republican National Conven-





tion until Thursday, and in his absence, the man of the hour is Sen John McCain of Arizo na In addition to his prime-time speech to the opening session on Monday, McCain was host to a Sunday dinner that attracted virtually every big-foot TV and print journalist in America. This week, he is campaigning all

day Tuesday with Bush The McCain phenomenon is remarkable in modern political history has a man who failed to win the nomination of his party

in one election loomed so large on the national stage in the next election

Richard Nixon was a key player in nation al Republican campaigns for 20 years, from 1952 through 1972. Adlai Stevenson dominated the Democratic scene in 1952 and again in 1956, and was a serious contender for a third time at the Los Angeles convention that nominated John Kennedy in 1960.

But Nixon and Stevenson (like Hubert Humphrey and George H.W. Bush) won places on the national ticket as a prelude to their continuing influence on their parties.

By contrast, McCain captured only a hand-ful of primaries in 2000 and fell far short of derailing the current president's march to victory. The closest parallel to McCain's agan, who threw a real scare into President Gerald Ford in 1976 and came back to win the nomination and the presidency in 1980.

But McCain's political achievement is more stunning than Reagan's in two respects. Reagan was able to return in 1980 because Ford had lost in 1976, leaving the leadership of the Republican Party wide open. And McCain, despite his defeat in 2000, has emerged as the most-courted, most-quoted politician — not just by Republicans, but by Democrats as well.

If there has ever been a time when the same officeholder has been pictured and cited in ads by both major party candidates. I cannot remember it. But John Kerry was using McCain to bolster his case ag Bush (until McCain asked him to scrap those ads) at the same time Bush was recruiting McCain to campaign with him.

Both apparently think McCain has some magic dust that might rub off on them. Kerry reportedly sounded out McCain on the possibility of forming a "national unit ticket, with McCain in the No. 2 spot. Polls showed that if Vice President Cheney stepped down, McCain would be the most popular choice to replace him as Bush's running mate. McCain, a realist, said consistently all through this crazy year that neither of those things was going to happen - and he was right. ..

How to explain this phenomenon? The answer has to lie in McCain's success in satisfying the widespread public hunger for authenticity and candor in political leaders. The name he gave his campaign bus in 2000, "The Straight Talk Express," perfectly captured what voters now see in him - the rare Washington official who says what he thinks and lets the chips fall where they may.



The current political situation strain on McCain's ability to do that. But he is struggling manfully to keep his various roles straight without contradicting himself. On the subject of Kerry, he says that the

senator's Vietnam combat service was nothing but honorable and should not be criticized. He defends Kerry as a serious senator, but says frankly that he disagrees with his vote against funding the Iraq war - and on other security issues over the years.

When it comes to Bush, the parsing be-comes even more refined. He has argued publicly that Bush should repudiate the ads



critical of Kerry's wartime service, but he says that is not important enough to cause him to consider threatening to withdraw his endorsement of Bush

While threading his way through this laby-rinth of issues and pressures, McCain also manages to preserve for himself the role of umpire on several reform issues.

It is a balancing act few could perform. But somehow, John McCain keeps all the balls in the air at once. I've never seen anything like it.

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Allow M-1 Abrams tanks to prevail in future Najafs

Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles were decisive in defeating Mugtada al-Sadr's "Mehdi Army" in the fighting in Najaf just concluded, as they had been in earlier fighting in Iraq.

Jack Kelly



Until recently, and especially after the Russians' troubles in Chechnya's capital, Grozny, the conventional wis dom was that armor was not as effective in an urban environment as it is in the countryside Narrow streets restrict visibility and mobility Tall buildings permit defenders to attack tanks and armored personnel

carriers at their most vulnerable point. (The armor is thinnest on the top of the vehicle.) But the Israelis and now the Americans

have stood the old conventional wisdom or its head. They have shown that nothing is more effective in urban combat than armored vehicles, properly employed as part of a tank-infantry team.

The importance of armor in urban combat can be overstated. It's important to bear in mind that in Najaf we were fighting a remarkably incompetent foe, and that in Najaf there were no buildings so tall that the guns on an Abrams or a Bradley couldn't be elevated to engage people on rooftops.

Still, it is clear that other nations will be examining carefully the lessons learned in Naiaf, and earlier in Baghdad, in rewriting their doctrine for combat in built-up areas.

Alas, it appears that the U.S. Army may not be among those paying much attention to the lessons of Najaf.

The Army seems hellbent on replacing

the armored forces that brought us victory with a lightly armored bus. An armored bus. Think about the concept

for a moment. They say that a camel is a horse designed by a committee. The Army must have consulted that same committee in coming up with the Stryker, which lacks the speed and agility of an armored car, but also acks the firepower and armor protection of

a Bradley. It is, however, very expensive. The Stryker is the brainchild of Gen. Eric Shinseki, who was chief of staff of the Army in the last years of the Clinton administration. Shinseki was embarrassed when wheeled Russian vehicles were able to get to

Kosovo ahead of U.S. tanks and Bradleys. The Stryker is a super-sized version of the

armored car the Marines have been using for decades. The LAV-25 is fast and maneuverable, and - with a turret-mounted 25 mm chain gun and a coaxial 7.62 mm ma-

The Stryker is larger and heavier (19 tons vs. 11 tons), because the Army wanted it to carry a full 9-man squad (vs. 6 for the LAV-25), and to have enough armor to proagainst heavy machine guns. (The LAV-25 protects only against small arms.)

The gain in size and weight is a problem, because the Stryker is supposed to fit on a C-130 tactical transport. To try to satisfy this problem, the turret and chain gun were dispensed with. The basic Stryker is armed with either a .50-caliber machine gun or a 40 mm grenade launcher, which the gunner has to get out of the vehicle to reload.

There are a half dozen proposed variants of the Stryker vehicle, the nuttiest of which is the armored gun system, a 105 mm cannon mounted on a Stryker chassis.

It is a profoundly bad idea to put a big gun on a wheeled vehicle, because wheeled vehi-

cles lack the stability to absorb the recoil when the gun is fired. The cannon can't penetrate the armor of a modern tank, because the gun had to be dumbed down to lessen the recoil. Even so, in tests, the AGS has shown a disturbing tendency to flip over when the gun is fired, if the gun is not perfectly aligned along the center line of the vehicle.

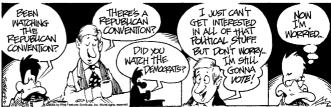
So the AGS doesn't work, wouldn't be of that much use even if it did, and can't fit on a C-130. But the Army wants it to replace tanks, which plainly do work.

Someone who learns only from his own experience is said to be a nitwit. So what do you say about those who refuse to learn from their own experience?

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Laddie, you're a star



James Doohan, known best for his role as chief engineer Scotty (Montgomery Scott) aboard the Enterprise in the original "Star Trek", poses with former cast members, from left, Walter Koenig, George Takei and Nichelle Nichols while he accepts his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles on Tuesday. The 84-year-old Canadian suffers from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseas es, diabetes and lung fibrosis.

U.S. movie mogul opens film festival

BY TOM RACHMAN

The Associated Press

ROME — Hollywood's premier cash-and-award magnet Steven Spielberg was kicking off the Venice Flim Festival on Wednesday — just the man to inspire money-scooping moguls and prize-hungry artists alike during 11 days of glitz and film magic.

The opening night's gala screening is Spielberg's "The Terminal," in which an Eastern European traveler played by Tom Hanks has the lousy luck to get stuck in an airport, but the good fortune to find Catherine Zeta-Jones on the premises.

Sure, the movie may have opened in the United States more than two months ago, but it gave Venice a chance to parade the biggest crowd-pleaser in any festival's arsenal: American celebrities.

Others expected to toddle along the red carpet include Robert De Niro, Angelina Jolie, Will Smith, John Travolta and Al Pacino.

This year's festival is about grim realities, particularly among the 21 films jostling for the prestigious Golden Lion awards.

"Mar Adentro," by Alejandro Amenabar ("The Others"), tells of a paralyzed Spaniard's attempts to end his life. Britain's Mike Leigh grinds it up with "Vera Drake," about an abortionist in 1950s England. German Wim Wenders addresses American life after the Sept. 11 attacks in "Land of Plenty." And Amos Gitai's "Promised Land" deals with enslavement in Israel.

Other contenders are the Nicole Kidman vehicle "Birth"; Mira Nair's adaptation of Thackeray's 19th-century novel "Vanity Fair"; American Todd Solondz's "Palindromes"; "L'Intrus" by Claire Denis of France; and Italian Gianni Amelio's "Le Chiavi di Casa."

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9:30		Jumanji	Army Newswatch	to Be Announced.	SpongeBob	Mucha Lucha					
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris	1	The Simpsons	Jeopardy!					
10:30	Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	Matthews		Happy Days	Headline News					
11:00		ESPNews	60 Minutes II		One Tree Hill "I Shall Believe"	ESPNews					
11:30	General Hospital	Advisory Block				Pacific Report					
12:00	Headline News Judge Judy	Everybody-Raymond Scrubs	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	The West Wing "Evidence of Things Not Seen"	Everybody-Raymond					
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15:00	Aaahh! Real Monsters	Pacific Report	Headline News	SportsCenter	Inspector Morse "The	Pacific Report					
15:30	The Weekenders (EI)	The Tonight Show	Channel One		Wench Is Dead" Morse sets out to prove the in-	The Tonight Show					
16:00	Yu-Gi-Oh!		The Early Show	Real Sports	nocence of men.						
16:30	Mucha Lucha	Late Show				Late Show					
17:00	Jeopardy! Headline News	Access Hollywood		SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys SpongeBob	Assess Hellowend					
17:30	Destinations	Movie **: "Dragon-	FOX News	FSPNows	The Simpsons	Access Hollywood Movie ** "Dragon-					
18:30	AFN Evening News	heart" (1996, Fantasy) Den-	OX IVEWS	Baseball Tonight	Happy Days	heart" (1996, Fantasy) De					
19:00	Everybody-Raymond	nis Quaid, Voice of Sean Connery, David Thewlis.	60 Minutes II	Baseball Tonight	One Tree Hill "I Shall	nis Quaid, Voice of Sean Connery, David Thewlis.					
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20:00	My Big Fat Obnoxious	Movie *** "Ameri- can Beauty" (1999,	FOX News	MLB Baseball Teams	The West Wing "Evidence of Things Not Seen"	Movie **** "Amer can Beauty" (1999,					
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21:00	CSI: Crime Scene In- vestigation	Spacey, Annette Bening.	Headline News		Frontline "The Plea" The moral, judicial and	Spacey, Annette Bening					
21:30	Headline News	The Hot List	Inside Politics Republi- can National Convention.		constitutional implica-	The Hot List					
22:00	The Tonight Show	Headline News	Army Newswatch	-	tions of plea bargains.	Headline News					
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1:30	College Football Texas A&M at Utah. (Live)	Little Bill (EI)	CBS Evening News Countdown With Keith	U.S. Open Tennis Day 4. From the USTA Na-		Little Bill (EI)					
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5:00	Headline News ESPNews	NBC Nightly News	BET Nightly News	ESPNews ESPNews	That '70s Show "Pilot"	NBC Nightly News					
5:30	Headline News	Judge Judy Access Hollywood	Business Rpt. Larry King Live Republi-	NFL Football Teams to	Girlfriends Charmed "Witch Trial"	Judge Judy Access Hollywood					
6:00	Headline News	Guiding Light	can National Convention.	Be Announced. (Taped)	Charmed Wilch mai	Guiding Light					
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7:30		General Hospital			,	General Hospital					
8:00	Little Bill (EI)	Primetime Thursday	Larry King Live Republi-	i	Any Day Now "Unfin-	Baby Looney Tunes					
8:30	Wheel of Fortune		can National Convention.		ished Symphony"	Rocko's Modern Life					
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FACES 'N' PLACES

'Macbeth' takes modern turn

Director Geoffrey Wright plans to give Shakespeare's "Macbeth" a contemporary backdrop in a film set amid a violent gangland war in the southern Australian city of Melbourne.

Wright directed the low-budget 1992 movie "Romper Stomper" that helped launch Russell Crowe's career

His new film will star Australian actor Sam Worthington as the nobleman who murders Scotland's king.

Producer Martin Fabinyi told The Sydney Morning Herald in Tuesday's editions the movie wouldn't be based strictly on events in Melbourne - where some 30 people have died in recent years in a violent battle between rival underworld gangs — but would draw paral-

He hopes the film will be shot late this year or in early

Christopher Dean's outfits up for grabs

Costumes worn by Olympic ice dancing champion Christopher Dean during his flamboyant routines with partner Jayne Torvill are to be auctioned for charity SportsAid, which raises funds for aspiring athletes,

said Tuesday the auction will feature 11 of Dean's outfits. donated by Torvill, who

kept them when Dean moved to the United States six years ago.

They include Dean's outfit from the pair's per-formance of "Barnum," which won the 1983 World Championships, and another from the 1990 Winter Olympics "Face the Music" routine, which garnered the couple a disappointing bronze medal and led to their decision to retire from competition. No date has been set





lica costumes worn by Dean for their many performances of "Bolero," the thrilling dance performance that won the couple an Olympic gold medal at the 1984 Sarajevo games, when they scored perfect marks for artistic merit. The original outfit, in deep lilac, is in a Nottingham muse-

Smits to star in his own series

Jimmy Smits will return to ABC to star in his own series and produce other shows after his term as a congressman on NBC's "The West Wing" is over, ABC said.

Smits previously starred in the ABC police drama "NYPD Blue" from 1994 to 1998.



"Jimmy's a one-of-a-kind star and we feel fortunate that he's decided to once again be part of the family," Stephen McPherson, president of ABC Primetime Entertainment, said

Through his El Sendero Productions. Smits will serve as executive producer of the shows that could air on ABC or other outlets owned by The Walt Disney Co.

NBC announced last week that Smits will play a three-term congressman from Houston with "presidential aspirations" on "The West Wing," which returns for its sixth season on Oct 20.

Monday

Martin Sheen plays fictional Democratic President Josiah Bartlet, now serving his second term on the political

Russian filmmaker wins at festival

Russian filmmaker Lidiya Bobrova won two awards at the Copenhagen International Film Festival - best movie and best script — for "Granny." a film about senior citizens being marginalized in post-Soviet Russia.

Nimrod Antal of Hungary won the award for best director for "Kontroll," Anna Maria Muehe of Germany won the best actress award for "Love in Thoughts" and Luis Tosar of Spain received a Golden Swan for best actor for "Take My Eyes," the Danish Film Institute, one of the festival's co-organizers, said Monday

The Aug. 19-29 event, which ended Saturday, featured 112 films from around the world.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

New guy funks up Metallica



Bassist Robert Truiillo, left, made a smooth transition from a difficult situation when he joined renowned heavy metal band Metallica, alongside holdovers, from second left, James Hetfield, Lars Ulrich and Kirk Hammett,

Former Suicidal Tendencies bassist Trujillo brings own style to notoriously exacting band

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Robert Truiillo

Metallica bassist

BY GEMMA TARLACH Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

What's it like to be the new guy in the biggest metal band in the known universe? Just ask Robert Trujillo, the bassist for Metallica

Trujillo, formerly a member of the band Suicidal Tendenpected

Original four-stringer Cliff Burton played a tremendous role in establishing the band's sound in the early '80s. Instead of staying in the background, Burton made the bass as much a lead instrument as the guitar.

After Burton's death in a 1986 tour bus crash, Flotsam & Jetsam bassist Jason Newsted was tapped to replace him but rarely was allowed to step out of the long shadow cast by his predecessor.

Newsted left the band in 2001 citing stress and creative constraints and for more than two years. Metalliwas bass-less.

It's a period chronicled in "Some Kind of Monster," the acclaimed Metallica documentary now in theaters. In the film, frontman James Hetfield and his remaining bandmates, drummer Lars Ulrich and guitarist

Kirk Hammett, try to learn how to get along with the help of performance coach Phil Towle In the middle of Metallica's per sonal transition from "The Call of Ktulu" to "Kumbaya," Trujillo was

invited to join the band. The Southern California surfer already had made a name for himself with an aggressive, heavily

funked-up style, full of popping and slapping. Truillo also had a reputation for a more improvisational

approach to bass.

Would the notoriously controlling Hetfield put up with
Trujillo's looser style? Would the notoriously outspoken and demanding Metallifans accept the new dude? Trujillo answered all our questions - and revealed Metallica's secret funky side — when he chatted with us by phone from his home in Venice, Calif., during a recent break from the

Q. What do you bring to Metallica?

A. As a performer, physically, technically, I play the way Of course, when I'm out there (on stage), I go hard. I give

it everything I can. I feed off the music and the fans feed off that. No disrespect, but I'm playing because I'm feeling it, not because I think I have to please that fan over there, or that fan there O. You've known Metallica for a long time from the out-

side. What was the biggest eye-opener for you when you joined the band?

joined the band?

A. Obviously the whole performance coach thing. That was my first encounter with the guys in years, with the exception of going surfing with Kirk a couple times. ... They invited me into the studio and I got to hear the "St. Anger" tracks in their prenatal stage. I would have thought the old, guarded Metallica wouldn't have allowed that.

They welcomed me into their world, and I wasn't even part of it at the time. There's this whole mystique about part of it at the time. There's this whole mystique about what they're like, you know, the evil Metallica. I didn't see that. Actually, at first, not seeing that evil Metallica kind of made me uncomfortable

Q. How does your style square with James' exacting expectations? A. It's a combination. I think he's mellowed out. If he

feels something's not right, maybe in the past he'd attack it more aggressively. Now, when we're playing, I can sense if something's not working. He'll look at me, look at the fret-board, look at me, then eventually he'll say something like "Uh, I think it goes this way" ... But when I got the job, I said to myself, leave no room for error.

O. How is a Metallica live performance different than that of your other bands?

A. Metallica for me is actually the most physically demanding. The shows are a lot longer than I'm used to, the music is pretty demanding, it's fast, and with a fair amount of movement [around the fretboard]. Also the amount of songs, the catalog they have to work with, we never play the same set night after night.

Combine that with a stage the size of an aircraft carrier, and it's like a workout on a treadmill. It's kind of freaky for the new guy.

When they asked me to join, Lars said, "We're like a freight train. When we take off, we go hard and fast and

Q. Tell the truth: Before you joined, how funky was Metallica?

A. I grew up listening to metal but also to James Brown, the Parliament. I know when a guy is funky. And James Hetfield is funky. I mean that. In the context of, like, Lynryd Skynyrd. There's something really soulful in him. He also plays the drums, so his approach to rhythm guitar is very funky.

I always thought there was a lot of groove in Metallica. That's Metallica's secret ingredient that they have over other bands. The groove factor that James has is the heartbeat of the band

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U.S. forward Steve Konowalchuk, top, knocks over Canadian goaltender Martin Brodeur during Tuesday's **World Cup** game in Mont real. The Americans crashed the net regularly during their 2-1 loss, but Brodeur made 23 saves. Team IISA plays Russia on Thursday in



Canada stands up to U.S.

Hosts edge Americans in physical World Cup opener

The Associated Press

MONTREAL - The rivalry between the United States and Canada was reignited Tuesday night in World Cup of Hockey.

Martin St. Louis had a goal and an assist to lead Canada to a 2-1 victory over the United States in the opening game of the tournament for both teams

"I think the crowd pumped everybody up," Canada coach Pat Quinn said of the roaring, chant-ing, capacity crowd of 21,273, which included Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

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The game was so contentious that Canada's 38-year-old captain Mario Lemieuv went after Steve Konowalchuk after the American toppled goalie Martin Brodeur.

U.S. goaltender Robert Esche kept his team close by making 18 saves, many of them spectacular, during a first period in which the United States was outshot 19-6

St. Louis, the NHL scoring champion and MVP last season. scored the only goal of the opening period during a power play and helped set up Joe Sakic's goal early in the second.

But the momentum turned toward the Americans when Bill Guerin scored midway through the second period.

"It was like it was two games we controlled the play in the first half and they took over in the second." Sakic said. "When we went up 2-0, we changed our game a bit. We tried to make too cute plays. Then they got a goal and got a lot of life from that. We came back in the third, but we have to do a better job of that - to keep pressing when we have the momentum '

It took little time for the teams to show signs of the rivalry that has neaked since Canada heat the United States in the gold-medal game of the 2002 Olympics. The Americans won the inaugural World Cup in 1996 by beating Canada in Montreal in the third game of a three-game final series.

"It's an emotional tourna-ment," Guerin said. "It's Canada-U.S., it's for lots of pride. It always tends to be physical."

Both teams lost players to injuries Defenseman Ed Jovanovski was knocked out of Canada's lineup, and the United States was without forward Mike Modano for most of the game. As is typical with NHL playoff games, neither team would give specifics. Both were said to have lower body injuries and were to be re-evaluated on Wednesday.

Canada will play its second game of the round-robin portion of the eight-team tournament Wednesday against Slovakia in

The United States will play Russia on Thursday in St. Paul, Minn

"You have to give Canada credit, they came out hungrier than we were and were a lot more in-tense," U.S. coach Ron Wilson said. "They got physically involved. They pushed us and we didn't push back. Fortunately,

Robert Esche was on top of things. In the second period, we started to turn things around

Canada was leading 2-1 at 16:03 of the second period when Konowalchuk came in hard and bumped Brodeur in the crease

Lemieux, not known for fighting, charged in and tussled with Konowalchuk until linemate Jarome Iginla took over. Defenseman Scott Niedermayer ended up fighting American center Jeff Halpern.

"They tried to run Brodeur four or five times," Quinn said. "Mario had to try to do something to restore common sense out there'

Brodeur, winner of the Vezina Trophy as the NHL's best goalie the past two seasons, just shrugged.

"Every time I play in a big game it's like that," he said. "I control rebounds, so guys go in there. They went in hard a few times,

but that's part of the game.' Early in the second period Canada led 2-0 and was outshooting the Americans 24-6. The United States improved its attack and Canada finished with a 32-24 ad-

vantage in shots on goal. For most of the first period, it looked like Esche would emulate the 1996 performance of Mike Richter, who earned MVP honors in the United States' World Cup victory. But St. Louis gave Cana-da a 1-0 lead with a power-play

goal at 16:01. Quick passes down low by Joe Thornton and Niedermayer fed St. Louis in the slot for a high shot

just inside the post. Canada was on another nower play when Sakic's point shot hit Chris Drury's leg and bounced past the screened Esche 3:05 into the second.

Guerin got the United States within 2-1 at 10:40 of the second period when he had time to gain control of a pass from Scott Gomez and whip a quick high

shot past Brodeur's glove side. In Tuesday's other game, Mats Sundin had a goal and two assists to lead Sweden past Germany 5-2 in Stockholm, Sweden.

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two-day session Wednesday. The league and union de-clined comment until the conclu-

sion of the meeting, just as they did after Day 1 of a two-day session last week in Ottawa. It was after that round of talks

that the NHL claimed that the players association was stalling and wanted to force the owners to impose a lockout when the current collective bargaining agreement expires on Sept. 15.

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SCOREBOARD

Correction

A story in the Aug. 23 edition about the U.S. Army Europe softball tournament contained the wrong names of some of the players for the Stuttgart Stallions. They are Kevin Choate, Maurice Evans and Jose Luster.

AFN schedule

times Central European. AFN-A: tlantic; PAC: AFN-Pacific/Korea; SPT: 90-minute cut-down. Listings are latest available from AFRTS and subject to change with out notice.)

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joined in progress as Los SPT. Football – NFL preseason: Jackson-ville at New England, 4 a.m. Friday (did), SPT. Ville at New England, 4 a.m. Friday, 15 per in progress at 1:30 a.m. Friday; Third round, 5 p.m. Friday, and joined in progess at 10 p.m. Saturday, (SPT).

Radio

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College football — Texas A&M at Utah, 130 am. Friday, ARN-Europe carn be reached at DSN 294-444 or College of the College of t

Pro basketball

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Detroit	13	14	.481	1
Charlotte	12	13	.480	1
Washington	12	14	462	11/2
Indiana	12	15	.444	2
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Los Angeles	19	7	.731	-
Seattle	17	8	.680	11/2
Minnesota	15	11	.577	4
Phoenix	12	13	.480	61/2
Sacramento	12	13	.480	61/2
Houston	12	14	462	7
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Pro soccer

Major League Soccer Eastern Conference W L T Pts GF GA

MetroStars	9	8	6	33	37	37
Columbus	7	5	10	31	25	24
D.C. United	6	8	9	27	31	35
New England	5	9	9	24	30	34
Chicago	5	10	8	23	23	33
Western Conference						
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Kansas City	10	7	5	35	31	23
Los Angeles	9	6	8	35	36	32
Colorado	8	7	9	33	21	21
Dallas	9	9	5	32	29	32
San Jose	8	7	7	31	36	28
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point						
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Saturday's games						

Saturday's games
D.C. United O, New England O, tie
Dallas 4, Chicago 1
Colorado 0, San Jose's game
Columbus 1, MetroStars 1, tie
Kansas City at Chicago 3
Saturday, Sept. 4
Los Angeles at Columbus
D.C. United at Chicago
MetroStars at Kansas City
Dallas at Colorado
Dallas at Colorado

Saturday, Sept. 4 At Helsinki, Finland Sweden vs. Finland At Toronto

Russia vs. Canada Sunday, Sept. 5 At Toronto Slovakia vs. Russia

Tennis

U.S. Open

Wednesday At The USTA National Tennis Center New York Purse: \$17.75 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles Women

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Singles

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a, Brazil, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

Michael Lodra, France, def, Gilles Elseleer, Belgium, 2-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Stefan Koubek, Austria, def, Alex Bogonolov, Jr., 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 2-6, 6-3.

Andreas Seppi, Italy, def, Rainer Schuetler (11), Germany, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (1),

ner (11), bermany, 3-9, 4-9, (-9-05), 7-9 (1), 1-3 Jan-Michael Gambill, United States, 6-4 Kalgeev Ram, United States, 6-3, 5-2, 3-6, 6-4. Filippo Volandri, Italy, del: KJ Hippensteel, Inited States, 5-3, 6-4, 6-2. Arnaud Clement, Franco, 6-6, 6-3, Marthurs, Australia, 6-4, 6-7 (0), 5-3, 6-3. Marthurs, Australia, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 5pain, del: Tomas Jan, Czech Republic, 4-6, 7-5, 6 (6), 6-7 (4),

6-3. Guillermo Canas (29), Argentina, def. Kristof Vilegen, Belglum, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. Rafael Nadal, Spain, def. fivo Heuberger, Switzerland, 6-0, 6-3, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3. Joachim Johansson (28), Sweden, def. Lu Yen-hsun, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3. Andy Roddiek (2), United States, def. Scov-ille Jenkins, United States, 6-6, 6-2, 6-2.

rero, Spain, 6-3, 6-0. morta malf-Arna Chakvetadze, Russia, def. Barbara Schett, Austria, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2. María Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, 6-4, 6-2. Nadla Petrova (14), Russia, def. Zheng Jie, Olina, 6-0, 6-1. Mary Pierce (27), France, def. Emilie Lolt, France, 6-1, 6-2.

6-1, 6-2. la Rubin (20), United States, def. anchez Lorenzo, Spain, 6-2, 6-2. na Srebotnik, Slovenia, def. Tatiana Russia, 6-3, 6-2. tarına wa Dı

Panova, Russia, 6-3, 6-2. Samantha Stosur, Australia, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 7-5, 6-4. Anastasia Myskina (4), Russia, def. Ludmi-la Cervanova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-0.

At Montreal
Canada 2, United States 1
Wednesday, Sept. 1
At Stockholm, Swede
Czech Republic vs. Sweden
At Montreal
Canada vs. Slovákia
Thursday, Sept. 2
At Cologne, Germany
Germany vs. At St. Paul, Minn.
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Hockey

World Cup First Round North American Di



Round Robin Monday, Aug. 30 At Helsinki, Finland Finland 4, Czech Republic 0 Tuesday, Aug. 31 At Stockholm, Swed

Sweden 5, Germany 2 At Mon Canada 2, United State

Friday, Sept. 3
At Prague, Czech Republic vs. Germany
At St. Paul, Minn.
Slovakla vs. At St. Paul, Minn.
Slovakla vs. At Helsinki, Finland
At Helsinki, Finland
Russia vs. Canada
St. At Toronto
Slovakia vs. Russia

At Toronto
Slovakia vs. Russia
Quarterfinals
Monday, Sept. 6
Europe First vs. Fourth (site TBA)

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At St. Paul, Mint TBA)

At Toronto

At St. Paul, Minn.

Saturday, Sept. 11
Second Semifinal

nifinal Championship Tuesday, Sept. 14 At Toronto Semifinal winner

Deals

Tuesday's transactions BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Purchased the conract of C Sandy Martinez from the Cleveand Indians and assigned him to Pawtucket

f the IL. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Recalled OF Ryan udwick from Buffalo of the IL.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Called up OF Jason
ubel from Rochester of the IL.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Traded C Pat Borers to the Minnesota Twins for OF B.J.

Garbe. Mational Legue
ATLANTA BRAYES—Optioned RHP Roman
Colon to Greenville of the Southern Legue,
Recalled OF Dewayne Wise from Richmond
of the IL.

OURS—Acquired OF Ben Grieve
from the Milwaukee Brewers for a player to
be named and cash. Acquired C Mike Diffelice from the Detroit Tigers for a player to be
named.

iamed.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Recalled OF Dave trynzel from Indianapolis of the IL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed LIP Bandy Wolf on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Shawn_Wooten from Scranton Wilkes-Barre Office of the LL
PITTSURGH PIRATES—Activated LHP Dave
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Rilliams from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP
Mark Corey to Nashville of the PCL.

Rational Baskethal Association
CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Signed G Brevin

night.

PHOENIX SUNS—Promoted Dick Van Arsdale to senior executive vice president, David Griffin to director of player personnel, Rex Chapman to director of basketball oper-ations, and Marco Crespi to director of interational scouting.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Agreed to

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Mike Shafer.

CAROLINA
PANTHERS—Waived-injured
WR Donald Hayes and DT Rod Walker.
Placed S Damien Richardson on injured reserve. Waived TE James Hugo and WR
Walter Young. CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived WR Eddle alles WR Jason Geathers, OT Sterling Har-

Galles, WR Jason Geathers, Or Sterling Har-ris and DB David Young.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Terminated the con-tract of CB Donald Mitchell. Released LB
James, DE Johnathan Taylor, DT Shaun Smith, DT Dave Volk, P Ryan Flinn and DE Dar-rell Lee. Placed C Gennaro Dihapoli on the physically-unable-to-perform list.

DENVER BRONCOS-Placed CB Jimmy Sheeke CB Jimmy C

Zant.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived RB Brian
Allen, RB Daniel Davis, SS Eli Ward and DT
David Pugh. Placed TE Ben Utecht and OLT
Rendyll Pope on the physically-unable-to-perform list. Signed CB Kato Serwan-

a. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released CB ewis Sanders. Placed LB Jorge Cordova on

Lewis Satruers, Francis Lb Jong, Golden, Injured reserve, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Placed G Donald Willis on the physically-unable-to-perform list. Walved QB Casey Clausen, WR Zach Fletcher, WR Herb Haygood, WR Dave Kelmic, WR Jeris McIntyre and RB Jonathan Comitée.

imith. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Placed WR David Bos-

MAMI DOLPHINS.—Placed WR David BoxMINISESTOR WINNESS—Agreed to terms
with K Brett Conway on a two-year contract.
Walved K Ason Filling, P Trays Box-Cut, Wee
Steek, H May Yates and DE Billy, Lyon, og
Jim Miller and OT TIM Provost. Placed DE
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TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Released WR D'Wayne Bates, DT DeVone Claybrooks, FB Casey Cramer, DB Lynaris Eigheage, 5 Scott Frost, QB Jason Garrett, c Dinn Garrison, TE Nate Lawrie, K Nicholas Setta, LB Edward Thomas, CB Lenny Williams, De Rehard Wilsons, CB Lenny Williams, De Rehard Wilson.

TENESSEE IT ASS—Placed CB Tony Beck-

TENNESSÉ TITÁNS—Placed CB Tony Beck-kam and DE Bo Schobel on the physically-un-able-to-perform list. Released G Dennis Alex-ander, P Eric Johnson, S Brandon Lynch, RB Ronald McClendon, DT Aaron McConnell, WR Mickey Peters, C Hugh Reilly and CB Jonas Rutledge.

onas Rutledge.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES—Re-signed D Dmitri Kali-

in. COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Re-signed C Brad Moran. NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed LW Steven

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
CHICAGO FIRE—Signed F Andy Herron.
LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Traded D Riewis to Colorado for a 2005 pick in the erbraft.

COLLEGE COLLEGE
CONFERENCE USA—Named Lindsey Rog-ers assistant director of media relations.
AUSTIN PEAY—Named Kirk Kayden men's

polf coach.

BALL STATE – Named Heather Cusick direcor of women's basketball operations.

CONNECTICUT – Named Kim McGreevy
and Clive Terrelonge women's assistant
rack and field coaches.

GENESEO STATE-Named Dave Prevosti
wers and women's indoor and outdoor

rack coach. HARVARD—Named Bobby Jay men's assis-HARVARD—Named Bobby Jay men's assis-tant ice hockey coach.

HOFSTRA—Announced the resignation of Viveca Lof, woman's assistant basketball oach. ILLINOIS-Named Blaine Patterson wom-

n's assistant basketball coach.
LOYOLA OF CHICAGO—Named Molly Sirchrassistant football coach.
MAINE—Named Ted Woodward men's bas-

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im soccer Coach.
RIDBER -Named Gerhard Sanchez men's assistant basketball coach.
STANFORD-Named Emily Ruth assistant
leid hockey coach.
STONY BROOK-Named Kevin Cassese
nen's assistant lacrosse coach.
TEMPLE-Named Bradley Barker assistant

encing coach.
TRINITY, Conn.—Named Jonathan Dupont
ssistant football coach.
VIRGINIA—Named Bowen Sargent men's westeran, conn.—Named Ken Alrutz



Major League Baseball scoreboard

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Schilling, Red Sox keep pressure on Yanks

Boston cuts AL East gap to 3½ by blasting Anaheim

BOSTON - The Boston Red Sox looked at the out-of-town scoreboard and could hardly believe what they

The New York Yankees were trailing big at home against the Cleveland Indians in what would be the worst loss in the 101-year history of the sto-



ried franchise. Red Sox outfielder Dave Roberts said he simply smiled when he

saw the 22-0 final Tuesday night, knowing that his team cut its deficit in the AL East to 31/2 games after a 10-7 victory over Anaheim.

Manny Ramirez homered twice, Curt Schilling moved into a tie for the major league lead with 17 wins and Boston won its season-high seventh

"There's still a long way to go," Roberts said. "Our destiny is in our hands, and that's what's important."

Still, the Red Sox refuse to start thinking about overtaking the Yankees for first place.

'We're playing great, the Yankees are having trouble," Schilling said. "But I don't expect them to fall down on the job. They were good enough to put 101/2 games between us. We're going to need some help to catch up. Cleveland did its part, matching the largest shutout win in the majors since 1900, set by Pittsburgh against the Chicago Cubs on Sept. 16, 1975.

The Red Sox took a 21/2-game lead over the Angels in the AL wild-card race. Anaheim had won 10 of 11

Schilling (17-6) shut down Anaheim on three runs and nine hits, striking out four in 72/3 innings to match Oak-land's Mark Mulder for the major league lead in wins.

"If we just stay focused on what we're doing on a daily basis here and take care of our jobs and play the game the way we're playing it, offensively and defensively and pitching. I think we're going to do all right. Schilling said.

John Lackey (11-11) lasted just 31/3 innings - the first time in 12 starts he failed to go at least five innings.

Mike Myers started the ninth for Boston and gave up three consecutive singles before Alfredo Amezaga hit his first career grand slam to make it 10-7 Keith Foulke got the last three outs for his 25th save

Athletics 7. White Sox 2: Rich Harden (9-5) pitched seven solid innings to help visiting Oakland match a season high with its eighth straight win.

Adam Melhuse homered for the A's, who won for the 13th time in 14 games

West to three games over Anaheim.

Twins 8, Rangers 5 (11): At Minneapolis. Torii Hunter hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the 11th and finished with a career-high six RBIs for the Twins, who maintained their seven-game lead over Cleveland in the AL Central.

Alfonso Soriano and Rod Barajas had two RBIs each for Texas. which dropped 4½ games behind Oakland in the AL West — the most the club has been out of first place this season

Mariners 7, Blue Jays 5: Seattle rallied at SkyDome for its season-high fifth straight victory, with Ichiro Suzuki getting three hits to finish with 56 in August, the most in a month by a major leaguer since Jeff Heath had 58 in August 1938, according to Elias Sports Bureau.

Orioles 10, Devil Rays 6 (12): Melvin Mora and Jay Gibbons homered in the 12th to win it for visiting

Tampa Bay's Aubrey Huff homered twice, including a tying shot with two outs in the ninth, then tied it again with an RBI single in the 11th.

Royals 9, Tigers 8: At Kansas City, Aaron Guiel's sacrifice capped a three-run rally in the bottom of the ninth for the Royals



Boston Red Sox's Manny Ramirez, right, is welcomed home by teammate Johnny Damon (18) after the first of his two home runs Tuesday against the Anaheim Angels.

Shock: Ugly night for **Bombers**

New York had never lost by more than 18 runs, falling 24-6 at Cleveland on July 29, 1928, and 19-1 at home against Detroit on June 17, 1925.

"They've got to come out here with a different attitude," Posada said of his teammates, "We can't worry about the Red Sox. We've got to worry about us, what we can do here Cleveland had season highs for

runs and hits (22) and set a team record for largest shutout victory. Jake Westbrook (12-6) improved to 6-1 in his last nine starts, allowing five hits in seven innings. Jeremy Guthrie finished with hitless relief, extending the scoreless streak by Cleveland pitchers to 21 innings

Vazquez, his head bowed and wiping sweat off his face as he walked off to boos, gave up six runs. The Indians scored seven off Tanyon Sturtze and three against C.J. Nitkowski.

"I thought I had good stuff today coming into the game," said Vazquez, 2-4 in eight starts following New York losses

His stuff was good for Cleveland, which moved back over .500 at 67-66 and remained seven games behind AL Central-leading

By the fifth, every Indians bat-



Cleveland Indians' Omar Vizquel is safe at second as New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter handles the fielder's choice in the first inning on Tuesday. Vizquel went 6-for-7.

ter had scored and the top eight in the order all had RBIs.

"Our goal is to make a final run at this thing," Indians manager Eric Wedge said.

Travis Hafner hit a three-run triple in the first, Coco Crisp homered and drove in three runs, and Vizguel and Martinez had four RBIs each. Vizquel had a chance for a seventh hit, but flied out in the ninth.

"Every at-bat, you try to do what fits the situation," he said. "I just happened to put the ball in play every time."

New York, booed early and often by the crowd of 51,777, has lost five straight home games for the first time since May 2003. Its season is beginning to resemble 1978 in reverse. The Yankees dropped to fourth place and trailed the Red Sox by 14 games after play on July 19 that year, then rebounded to win the AL East in a one-game playoff.

The largest lead held by a team that failed to finish first was 11 games by the 1995 California Angels, according to Elias.

"Your job is to be negative, is to look at the dark side." Torre told "In this clubhouse, we reporters. don't do that.'

Rodriguez predicted a turn-around Wednesday night, when Orlando Hernandez (5-0) faces Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia (10-8). "We're going to have a great September," Rodriguez said, "starting tomorrow."

Giambi back in N.Y., but return uncertain

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Jason Giambi walked into the New York Yanclubhouse Tuesday with pink in his cheeks, optimism in his voice and no idea when he'll be able to play again.

The former AL MVP, recovering from a benign tumor, intestinal parasite, strained groin and respiratory infection, saw teammates for the first time since July 27 when he left the Vankees in Toronto for tests that diagnosed

He looked far healthier than a month earlier and said he will have a better idea by the weekend when he can rejoin the lineup. He had been working out since Aug 11 at the team's complex in Tampa, Fla., and started

taking batting practice Sunday.
"I made some big strides," said Giambi, who received hugs from teammates welcoming him back "Over the last three days, I was able to hit and take some live BP It got me encouraged that there's

Yankees manager Joe Torre isn't counting on having the five-time All-Star back in New York's lineup this season but said it's possible Giambi could return in about 10 days as a designated

Giambi, who hasn't played since July 23, is batting just .221 with 11 homers and 36 RBIs, going hitless in his last 21 at-bats. "Once he gets more comfort-



Giambi

ter's box, he's certainly going to be anxious to get out there Torre said. "When we

see him making strides. then I think we can talk about at what he's point going to get in a ballgame.

Giambi and the Yankees haven't specified where the tumor is or what treatment he has received. Giambi was evasive when asked about for specifics about the tumor and wouldn't say whether he's still under treatment.
"I'm not going to get into that,"

he said. "I took care of Jason as a human being. Now I'm back to a baseball player.

He felt a little dizzy working out in the Florida heat but thought he "turned the corner

"I've got a lot of my strength back." he said. "My tiredness is starting to go away. That's the biggest thing

If the 33-year-old first baseman makes quick progress, he could be sent for a rehabilitation assignment before minor league seasons end in early September

"We have a small window of op-portunity here to get him back in time," Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said. "The clock is obviously working against us.

Finley returns to bite D-backs

L.A. wins in 13th on RBI double

PHOENIX - Steve Finley looked right at home in Arizona The former Arizona star, trad-

ed to Los Angeles on July 31, single-handedly did in his old teammates Tuesday night in his first game back at Bank One Ballpark. Finley homered off Randy

Johnson in the sixth, then hit a bases-loaded double in the 13th. driving in all four runs in the Dodgers' 4-1 victory over Arizo-He hit .337 in his first month

with the Dodgers, driving in 25 runs in 27 games "He's obviously made a huge

difference already for us in a number of games, and I think he is going to continue to pay dividends for us." Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said.

Finley's return overshadowed another typical performance by Johnson: three hits, one run and 15 strikeouts in eight innings.

But, in what has become a team tradition, the five-time Cv Young Award winner suffered from a lack of run support. The team has scored two runs or fewer 10 times in a loss by its ace, who leads the majors with a 2.71 ERA

Johnson increased his major league-leading strikeouts total to 242, and pushed his career total to 4,113 — 23 shy of Steve Carlton's record for left-handers. It was Johnson's fourth straight game with at least 10 strikeouts, his 11th this year and 202nd of his career. Only Nolan Ryan (215) has had more games with double-digit strikeouts.

"He could be the Cy Young Award winner," Finley said. "I



mean, when I was here there was at least five, six, seven games that he should have won that we just didn't score any runs.

Eric Gagne pitched two scoreless innings for the victory, which kept the first-place Dodgers 51/2 games in front of San Francisco in the NL West

Giants 9, Rockies 5: Yorvit Torrealba and Marquis Grissom homered, and Ray Durham hit a tiebreaking three-run double in San Francisco to help the Giants pull into a virtual tie with Chicago for the wild-card lead.

Barry Bonds went 1-for-2 with a double - which a fan caught by leaning over the center-field wall and remained at 696 home

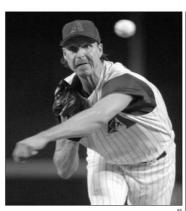
Expos 8, Cubs 0: Livan Hernandez allowed three hits in eight scoreless innings, and Brad Wilkerson and Maicer Izturis hit home runs at Olympic Stadium.

Chicago has lost four of five after losing just once in its previous nine games.

Mark Prior (4-4) allowed four runs in the first, including Wilkerson's leadoff homer. The Chicago starter gave up six hits and five

runs in five innings. Marlins 5, Mets 0: At New York, Josh Beckett pitched a six-hitter for his first regular-season shutout.

It was the Marlins' fifth straight win and eighth in 10 games, moving them to within



Arizona Diamondbacks' Randy Johnson delivers a pitch during Tuesday's game against Los Angeles, Johnson struck out 15 over eight innings but was left with a no-decision.

three games of the wild-card

Reckett (6.8) won for only the second time since May 20, when he beat Houston 4-3. He also drove in a run with a bases-loaded walk

Cardinals 9, Padres 3: Jim Edmonds homered twice at Busch Stadium, giving him seven in six

Albert Pujols and Edgar Renteria also homered and had three hits each for the NL Central leaders. Reggie Sanders also had three hits and an RBI. Woody Williams (10-7) became

the fifth member of the Cardinals' rotation to reach double figures in victories

Brewers 4, Pirates 2: The Brewers won at home to snap a 12-game losing streak and avoid the worst month in franchise his-

The Brewers went 6-21 in August, barely avoiding their worst month in franchise history - 6-22 by the Seattle Pilots in August 1969. Still, it was their worst month since moving to Milwau-kee in 1970, displacing the 6-20 mark from July 2001

Milwaukee starter Doug Davis was hit on his left forearm by a line drive off Tike Redman's bat in the second inning and had to leave the game. X-rays were negative and Davis is day-to-day. Matt Wise (1-1) pitched 32/3 scoreless innings for the win.

Braves 5, Phillies 3: Mike Hampton (11-9) pitched two-hit ball over eight innings to improve to 10-2 in his past 12 starts.

Andruw Jones hit a two-run omer, Eli Marrero went 3-for-4 and Julio Franco had two RRIs for the visiting Braves 20-8 in Au-

Streaking Astros rout Reds

CINCINNATI — One inning. four pitches, three home runs that was more than enough for the streaking Houston Astros.

Jeff Kent homered twice and Houston hit three straight shots in the fifth inning Tuesday night to help the Astros beat the Cincin-nati Reds 8-0 for their fifth straight win and eighth in nine

Carlos Beltran, Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman hit consecutive home runs for the Astros, who pulled within three games of the NL wild-card lead after the Chicago Cubs' 8-0 loss at Montre-

Brandon Backe (2-2) scattered three hits over six shutout innings to win for the first time in three career starts. He threw seven shutout innings in a no-decision against Chicago in his first career start on Aug. 21.

The Reds got just one runner

past second base against Backe.

Barry Larkin went to third on Sean Casev's two-out double in the sixth, but Backe struck out Adam Dunn looking to end the threat

"I had already gotten him out twice," Backe said. "On 3-2, I threw him a backdoor slider. First base was open, so I wasn't going to leave it in the middle of the plate. He was either going to take it for a ball, take it for a strike or swing through it."

"Backe was in some jams, but he made pitches when he had to. manager Phil Garner said.

Relievers Chad Qualls, Mike Gallo and Dan Wheeler allowed a combined three hits over the final three innings for Houston's 11th shutout of the season. Aaron Harang (8-7) allowed

four home runs in five innings and lost for the fourth time in five

Cardinals hope Ankiel's wild ways are behind him The Associated Press La Russa said he'd treat Ankiel Chicago sent a minor league

ST. LOUIS - Rick Ankiel's return to the major leagues might not be just a September cameo.

The left-hander, who'll be activated from the 15-day disabled list Wednesday, has been impressive enough during his rehab from reconstructive elbow surgery that he'll be considered for the St. Louis Cardinals' postsea-Manager Tony La Russa said

he'd use Ankiel, who last pitched in the majors in 2001, in relief or use him as a spot starter to rest members of the rotation heading into the playoffs

Asked if Ankiel, 25, was a candidate to pitch in the postseason, La Russa replied: "Yeah, sure, abso-

The Cardinals began three-game series against the San Diego Padres with a 141/2-game lead in the NL Central and a magic number of 18 for clinching the division

who reached the majors at age 19 before being derailed by wildness and injuries, much like he did Matt Morris in 2000 when the right-hander was coming off reconstructive elbow surgery. In other words, he won't base everything on Ankiel's performance "The fairest thing is like Matt

coming off that injury, it's what happened the next year," La Russa said. "That's really the fairest way to look at Rick.

"What you've got here is a bonus, for him and for us.'

Ankiel was 11-7 with a 3.50 ERA in 2000, leading the staff with 194 strikeouts in 175 innings. His career took a drastic turn for the worse in the playoffs when he threw eight wild nitches in two games

He missed the entire 2002 season with a sprained elbow and was 2-6 with a 6.29 ERA at Double-A Tennessee last year before tearing an elbow ligament in July.



A Palm Beach this year and in seven starts at three levels, he was 2-1 with an 0.79 ERA In 22 2-3 innings, he walked

two and hit one - but he did not throw a wild nitch Ankiel was expectedto join the

Cardinals on Tuesday. **Cubs acquire Grieve, DiFelice**

MILWAUKEE - The Chicago Cubs made a pair of trades Tuesday, getting outfielder Ben Grieve from the Milwaukee Brewers and acquiring backup catcher Mike DiFelice from the Detroit Ti-

The deals came on the final day for teams to obtain players and have them be eligible for postseason rosters. The Cubs led the NL wild-card race going into Tues-day night's game at Montreal.

player to be named and cash to the Brewers for Grieve, and gave up a player to be named for DiFe-

Top Diamondbacks draft pick withdraws from Florida State

TALLAHASSEE Fla

Stephen Drew, Arizona's top draft pick, decided to withdraw from classes at Florida State on Tuesday and continue contract negotiations with the Diamondbacks.

Drew, selected with the 15th pick in June's amateur draft. signed up for classes last week but wasn't scheduled to attend until Tuesday.

The Diamondbacks would have lost their rights to Drew if he attended a class before agreeing to a contract.

"Stephen Drew and his family feel the two sides can agree on a deal that satisfies both parties," Florida State coach Mike Martin said

Cardinals' Kline out 3-4 weeks

ST. LOUIS - Cardinals reliever Steve Kline will be sidelined three to four weeks with a torn groin, but hopes to recover in

time for the postseason.

An MRI exam Tuesday revealed the extent of the injury sustained by the lefty while fielding a bunt on Friday. He was placed on the 15-day disabled list on Saturday and with the Cardinals leading the NL Central by 151/2 games. he's not going to try to rush back.

Red Sox get minor league catcher from Cleveland

BOSTON - The Boston Red Sox bought the contract of minor league catcher Sandy Martinez from the Cleveland Indians on

Martinez batted .274 with 17 homers and 47 RBIs for Cleveland's Triple-A affiliate in Buffalo. The Red Sox assigned him to

Triple-A Pawtucket. The Indians will receive an undisclosed amount of cash.

Tennis' newest diva averts disaster

Wimbledon champ Sharapova escapes scare in U.S. Open; Safin eliminated

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

NEW YORK - Maria Sharapova nearly found out how quickly one can go from diva to disaster

No reigning Wimbledon women's champion has lost in the first round of the U.S. Open, and Sharapova was just one game from that fate. Then she steeled herself to win 12 of the last 14 points and got past Laura Granville 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 Tuesday night.

"My game went off for a while. I went to La-La Land," the 17-year-old Siberi-an-turned-Floridian said, "but I came back to Earth.'

She wasn't the only top player pushed to the limit on Day 2 at Flushing Meadows: 2000 Open winner Marat Safin and 11th-seeded Rainer Schuettler lost, while 2003 runner-up Juan Carlos Ferrero and No. 5 Tim Henman needed five sets to win Safin, Schuettler and Ferrero were put

in the same quarter of the draw as 2003 champion Andy Roddick, who followed Sharapova in Arthur Ashe Stadium and broke the tournament record with a 152 mph serve during a 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 victory over 17-year-old Scoville Jenkins.

One indication of how players slide from star to afterthought: While Sharapova was on the National Tennis Center's main stage, 2000-01 Open champ Venus Williams was in the last day-session match on another court

Made to wait until after 8:30 p.m. to play. because she was scheduled to hit the court after Henman and Ferrero, Williams was broken while serving for the match but eventually pulled out a 6-3, 7-6 (3) win over 64th-ranked Petra Mandula of Hungary.

"What I need to focus on for me right now is the second round," said Williams, seeded No. 11 after a year of injuries and earlier-than-usual losses in majors. not really thinking ahead too far

On Wednesday, Daniela Hantuchova, ranked as high as fifth in the world last year but currently No. 32, defeated No. 13 seed Alicia Molik 6-4, 6-3. Molik won the bronze medal in the Athens Olympics.

In another early match Wednesday, No. 12 Ai Sugiyama beat Gisela Dulko 6-2, 6-4. Third-seeded Serena Williams and sec-

ond-seeded Amelie Mauresmo play second-round matches in the day session Wednesday



va, above, a 17-year-old from Russia, won 12 of the match's final 14 points in a 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 victory over Laura Granville on Tuesday. Sharapova trailed 5-4 in the third set. No Wimbledon champion has ever lost in the first round of the U.S. Open.



Defending U.S. Open champ Andy Roddick, above, unleashed a tournament-record 152 mph serve during a 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 triumph Tuesday over 17-year-old Scoville Jenkins.

On the men's side, fourth-seeded Lleyton Hewitt sees his first action with a match against Wayne Ferreira.

cruising through the first set against 68th-ranked Granville of Chicago before a subdued crowd, Sharapova was suddenly in trouble late in the second. Down 6-5, Sharapova faced her first break point of the match, which she saved with a 101 mph service winner on a second serve. But she double-faulted to grant Granville another break point, then slapped a forehand into the net. Granville - never beyond the second

round in the Open - was within a game of a serious surprise, ahead 5-4 in the third set That's when Sharanova took over holding at 15, breaking at love with a superb cross-court backhand winner, then holding again at 15

When she hit her 10th ace, followed by a service winner, to end it, her sunglass-es-wearing father jumped and pounded his fist on his chest. Sharapova mimicked that gesture, then - just as she did after stunning Serena Williams in Wimbledon's final went to grab her phone to call Mom.

"It's all about the spirit." Sharapova said after her 2-hour, 9-minute adventure.

Safin might want to take a note or two Late in his 7-6 (5), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 loss to

59th-ranked Tomas Enqvist, Safin grabbed his racket with both hands, leaned for-ward, and cracked it to the court three times, as if chopping wood with an ax.

It was a brief show of anger, a tiny indication that he cared whether or not he lost in the first round of the Slam he won four years ago. Neither his play nor his words lent much insight

Just like at Wimbledon, Safin exited in the earliest stage.

"Believe me, I'm trying," Safin said, a grin creeping across his face. "If I would lie to myself, I would say it's Thomas' fault. But I don't want to lie to myself. A huge part of it is my fault, because I let him play

The 13th-seeded Russian was broken twice while serving for the first set, waved lazily at shots down the stretch and kept his usual muttering to a minimum.

Compare that effort to Henman's His poorest Slam results have come in the Open, so he can't call on past success to help, the way Safin could if he wanted.

Battling a bad back that kept him off the

practice court for three days, Henman with stood 6-foot-10 Ivo Karlovic's 39 aces and toughed it out for more than 3½ hours in a 7-6 (3), 6-7 (7), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory. Ferrero had an even longer day, playing 4½ hours to cobble together a 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (4), 6-3 win over Tomas Zib, a Czech qualifier who's never won a Grand Slam match.

"I wasn't going to get frustrated if he was going to serve aces or stuff, because it saved me doing the running," Henman said. "I felt like I kept my head about me pretty well throughout the whole match

A sentiment Safin isn't ever likely to express, although you never know what he'll come up with.

In the French Open, he caused a stir by dropping his shorts to celebrate a terrific noint. In Wimbledon, he said he was fed un with trying to win there and took the time to point out that tennis doesn't belong in the Olympics.

He's been fined for all sorts of things: swearing at a chair umpire, berating a tournament sponsor for not replacing the cour-tesy car he crashed, failing to show enough effort in a first-round loss to a qualifier in the 2000 Australian Open. Defending U.S. Open champion Justine

Henin-Hardenne found herself in some trouble Tuesday, trailing 15-year-old Nicole Vaidisova 4-1 in the second set. But the top-ranked Belgian won the last five games to close out a 6-1, 6-4 victory.

Past winners of Slam titles Lindsay Davenport (who stretched her winning streak to 18 matches), Anastasia Myskina and Mary Pierce all won in straight sets.

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Davenport extends winning streak to 18 matches 5-all in the first set of the

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press NEW YORK - Sitting with legs

crossed during a changeover, Lindsay Davenport waved off the ballgirl offering water, saying: "No, thanks. I'm OK." Is she ever

The fifth-seeded Davenport stretched her winning streak to 18 matches by beating Lubomira Kurhajcova of Slovakia 6-4, 6-0 on Tuesday in the U.S. Open's

first round

Just two months ago, the 28-year-old Davenport was talking about retiring after this sea-

U.S. Open notes

son. When she lost to Maria Sharapova in the Wimbledon semifinals, Davenport said it probably would be her final appearance at the All England Club.

What a mistake that would be, given her recent form. Davenport has won her past four tournaments, all played on hard courts, just like the Open.

"Maybe that took some pressure off me, just to think: 'Oh, who cares what happens now.'" said Davenport, who built a 36-7 edge in winners and needed just 50 minutes to beat Kurhajcova. "Going to see how I feel in November and take it from there."

Asked if she could imagine not being in the 2005 U.S. Open, Davenport said: "Some days, yes."

Her first Grand Slam trophy came in the 1998 U.S. Open, and she added titles at Wimbledon in 1999 and the Australian Open in

But she's had health problems recently, including operations on her right knee in 2002 and her left foot last year.

"If I play next year, I want to

make sure that I'm committed for the year and that I can play through the good times and the bad times and be mentally strong all year," she said. "I'm going to have to really see if I can do that."

Players help fallen ballboy

Jiri Novak and Radek Stepanek helped a ballboy who fainted from heat fatigue and dehydration during their match.

"He wasn't moving for 20 to 30 econds. Everyone was scared," Novak said Tuesday.

The 13-year-old passed out a day earlier when he jumped to re-trieve a ball with the score tied first-round match - played in overbearing humidity -- and fell hard to the court. Novak ran from the opposite

side to assist the teenager, along with Stepanek and several other ballboys and linesmen. They raised his legs and, when he regained consciousness, gave him

By the time first aid arrived. the ballboy was feeling better and wanted to continue. He walked off the court.

The ballboy was allowed to return to work Monday, according to U.S. Tennis Association spokes-man Chris Widmaier.

Kobe must be sweating bullets by now

we watched the administrative slapstick in the courthouse and we were left with the distinct impression that the rape case against Kobe Bryant was somewhere between unwinnable and unraveling. Yet the potential jurors assemble

It is Bryant's worst nightmare For months now, we have witnessed what we all thought would be the dismissal of the charges against Bryant. We have seen the alleged victim in the case vilified, in large part because of the ineptitude of the court staff in Eagle County, Colo. Her name was mistakenly released by the staff on the court Web site. Allegations about her conduct - allegations that should have remained sealed until trial - were e-mailed to reporters by the court staff, again by mistake and without any onportunity for rebuttal by the prosecution. Then came the filing of a civil suit by the victim, a sure sign that she wanted out - because now she will be painted as noth ing more than a gold digger in the criminal case, with court docu

ments she filed herself to back up For weeks and months it has built this way, disappointing

the charge



after drumanother awful demonstration of our system's inability to deal adequately with celebrity. the alleged victims of celebri-

ty, and the

crime of ac-

quaintance rape. The whole thing clearly seemed destined for derailment. Yet the potential jurors assemble, hundreds of them, and they fill out questionnaires and await the winnowing process

And Bryant must be dying in-

It is among our older clichés. but so true: You never know. Once a jury is impaneled, once testimony begins, once the inevitable surprises happen - and they are inevitable and, it seems, even more inevitable in a celebrity trial - there are no guarantees anymore

Sometimes, all the billable hours in the world don't matter.

Anybody who disputes this is lying or uninformed. If you watched any of O.J. Simpson's trial, you know that. If you watched Mike Tyson's trial which wasn't televised, but which

napolis - you especially know

Tyson's was really the first celebrity sports trial. He had a lousy reputation then, as now, but the feeling going in was of uncer-

Who knew what happened in that hotel room with a young beauty-pageant contestant? Yes, there was medical evidence — but, still How would the crime be proved? The expectation was that, along with some ancillary characters, Tyson and his accuser, Desiree Washington, would testify, and that the jury would decide which of the two it believed. On that score, Washington did well and Tyson did OK

But along the way, well, no one would have guessed.

There was the fire, for instance. Yes, fire. The jury was actually burned out of its hotel in the middle of the trial, a tragedy in which two firemen and another hotel guest were killed. A huge security clampdown followed and, back in 1992, the sight of additional metal detectors and bomb-sniffing dogs was, indeed, huge. The whole building was on edge after that.

Then there were the surnrise witnesses. Like a bad "Law and Order" episode, the defense sudes in the middle of the trial more than 6 months after Tyson had been arrested. They were all affiliated with a local clergyman who was a pal of Tyson's promoter, Don King. At least one of the witnesses was prepared to testify that she saw Tyson and Washington being arm-in-arm affectionate in a limousine outside the hotel before the rape occurred.

The judge, a no-nonsense woman named Patricia Gifford, was furious and didn't try to hide it. If she had allowed the surprise witnesses to testify, the prosecution would have had to retry its case, pretty much. It would have had to recall both the victim and the limo driver, who had been very effective in describing how Washington was after she left his hotel, and very believable because of her full-time job as a school counselor.

What the jury didn't know was the limo driver's testimony that Tyson had exposed himself to her only hours before meeting Wash-

Gifford excluded that testimoy as unfairly prejudicial; she really had not been anti-Tyson. But, seething now, Gifford disallowed the surprise witnesses and opened herself up for an appeal that ultimately failed. At this point, it really had become

But then there was the Tyson defense strategy, maybe the big-gest surprise of all. The defense's problem was that Tyson had pretty much fondled and/or grabbed and/or propositioned about half beauty-pageant contestants. How to deal with such piggish behavior? Well, the defense decided to embrace it.

Shockingly, pageant contestant after pageant contestant was brought to the stand and asked three questions: How do you spell your name, what's your hometown, and where did Tyson grab you? And this was by Tyson's own attorneys.

Their defense: Everybody else knew he was a pig, why didn't Washington? It was like blaming the murder victim for walking down a dark street at night - and the jury didn't buy it. A coin toss going in turned into a slam dunk

The cynicism of that defense. playing into every bad racial stereotype, was stunning. It was something no one would have predicted going in, like the fire and the surprise witnesses and the speed of the verdict.

The point, again, is obvious: You never know

It is why Kobe Bryant sweats

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Jury selection in Bryant case still on schedule

The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. About three-quarters of potential jurors in Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case have already been told whether to return to the court-

this week for NBA more quesbriefs putting the selection process on schedule court officials say

Individual questioning of jury candidates was expected to be finished by midday Wednesday, with open-court jury selection scheduled to begin Thursday.

"We are exactly on track," state courts spokeswoman Karen Salaz

Opening statements are expected Sept. 7.

The jury selection Tuesday was interrupted by a brief open-court hearing prosecutors sought to air concerns about the process

"It is my understanding that many jurors yesterday indicated they had gleaned a lot of information not only from the press but from folks around town," prosecu-tor Ingrid Bakke said. "It's information that won't come up at trial, but that is very prejudicial to this case

She said those with a strong opinion on Bryant's guilt or innocence based on that kind of information should be questioned only behind closed doors. Open-court questioning should be conducted as long as the queries don't delve into information behind a person's opinions, she said.

District Judge Terry Ruckriegle said although he was aware of Bakke's concerns, he was still bound to conduct some questioning in open court. Jurors are instructed to reach a verdict based only on evidence presented in court, something the judge called "a monumental task in this case

Jury selection began Friday, Attorneys have been conducting closed-door questioning of prospective panelists, seeking out their attitudes about race, experiences with sexual assault and any effect pretrial publicity has had on them

Bryant has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault, saying he had consensual sex with a then-19-year-old employee at a Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers' star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000.

Bobcats sign Knight

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Point guard Brevin Knight signed with the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday, making him the most experienced player on the expansion

Knight has averaged 7.2 points, 6.1 assists and 1.8 steals in his seven-year career.

"Brevin brings the natural, innate qualities needed for a point guard and he owns a great feel for the game," coach and general manager Bernie Bickerstaff said "He is a competitor and he will bring that intensity to the younger players on our team."

The 5-foot-10 Knight averaged 4.7 points and 3.6 assists in 56 games for Phoenix, Washington and Milwaukee last season.

Knight was a first-round pick by Cleveland in the 1997 draft. He spent more than three seasons with the Cavaliers, earning all-rookie first team honors by averaging 9 points, 8.2 assists and

Blazers agree to terms with restricted free agent Miles

PORTLAND, Ore. - The Portland Trail Blazers agreed to terms with restricted free agent Darius Miles on Tuesday

Details of the contract were not immediately released. The Blazers scheduled a news conference on Wednesday.

Miles was acquired by Portland last season in a trade with the Cleveland Cavaliers for guard Jeff McInnis and seldom-used center Ruben Boumtie-Boumtie.

The 6-foot-9 forward provided an instant boost to the Blazers both on the court and in the locker room.

He averaged 12.6 points, 4.6 rebounds and two assists a game in 42 games with the Blazers. He shot 52.6 percent from the field.

Miles was drafted by the Clippers with the third overall pick in the 2000 NRA Draft out of East St Louis High School in Illinois.



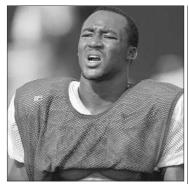
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Florida State receiver Craphonso Thorpe, who missed the Seminoles' last meeting with Miami. is the team's most dangerous offensive player.

Thorpe can give FSU a leg up against Miami

BY BRENT KALLESTAD
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The last time Florida State and Miami played, the Seminoles were without their most explosive offensive player — and it showed

player — and it showed.
With wide receiver Craphonso
Thorpe sidelined with a broken
leg, Florida State went with an unusually conservative game plan
in the Orange Bowl. Chris Rix
completed just six passes for 95
yards, spending much of the
game handing off, and the Hurricanes won 16-14.

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Florida State coach Bobby
Bowden concedes that Thorpe's
absence was part of the reason
for his team's "vanilla" game
plan. He also believes Thorpe's return could make a difference in
the season opener Monday night
when No. 5 Florida State visits
No. 6 Miami.

"Anytime Thorpe's in the game you might go longer more," said Bowden, noting that Miami's stingy defense also played a part in his game plan.

"This year, you can forget vanilla," Bowden continued. "There will be a mixture of it this year. Rainbow offense"

And the passing game will feature Thorpe.

Now 30 pounds heavier than when he arrived at Florida State in the summer of 2001, Thorpe has averaged 20 yards a catch on his 83 career receptions with 16 touchdowns, including two covering 79 and 72 yards.

Thorpe, a former Atlantic Coast Conference 100- and 200-meter sprint champion, had 51 catches for 994 yards and 11 touchdowns last season before breaking his leg against North Carolina State and missing the final two games.

Miami coach Larry Coker knows all about the 6-foot-2, 194-pound receiver, a player he tried to recruit out of Tallahassee.

"He's one of those young guys who can change a game, turn the game around," Coker said. "Take a short gain and take it the distance. He's got great speed."

Thorpe didn't do much in the first meeting against Miami last season, a game played on a treacherous, soggy field in Tallahassee.

But the Hurricanes were one of the few teams that managed to contain Thorpe.

He had one catch for 48 yards in Miami's 22-14 regular season win in Tallahassee last October. In his other 10 games, Thorpe averaged five catches for nearly 95

With P.K. Sam leaving a year early for the NFL, the beefed-up Thorpe has even more responsibilities this year. Sam caught 50 passes for 735 yards and five touchdowns, including the last-minute, game-winner at Flori-

"The biggest thing is the boost in confidence it gives myself and our offense knowing that our biggest playmaker is returning," Rix said. "It gives us an extra threat to say the least."

The Seminoles are counting on senior receiver Chauncey Stovall to help keep some of the pressure off Thorpe as well as up-and-coming speedsters Chris Davis and Willie Reid.

"You're only as good as your weakest link, and that's where the offense is trying to make sure nobody is a weak link," Thorpe said. "Those guys can get the job

Thorpe also has developed a good chemistry with Rix, witnessed by last year's breakout campaign.

"He throws a deep ball extremely well," said Thorpe, a sports management major scheduled to graduate in the spring.

Thorpe said he didn't think about turning pro after his junior season, even after huge games against Colorado and Notre Dame, when he caught 15 passes for 422 yards and four TDs.

Mostly, Thorpe is just happy to be back on the field — particularly for a game against Miami.

For inexperienced Terps, a 10 would be perfect

BY DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The challenge facing Ralph Friedgen this season is similar to the one he tackled upon his arrival at Maryland.

His goal: To buck the odds and make the 22nd-ranked Terrapins a force in the powerful Atlantic Coast Conference.

This time, though, instead of trying to build a winner, Friedgen will attempt to sustain an umprecedented run of success. He will seek to do so in a beefed-up conference and with the youngest team he's ever had.

If he can win with this group, then Friedgen is worth every penny of an upgraded contract that will pay him an average of \$1.5 million for the next eight

The Terrapins have little game experience at quarterback, one senior on the defensive line and just one returning starter in the secondary. In addition, Maryland will be competing in an ACC that now includes Miami and Virginia Tech.

"It's not going to be easy because we have a lot of young players," senior receiver and kick returner Steve Suter said. "We're going to have a lot of new players stepping into new roles."

But the Terrapins have

Friedgen, who knows a thing or two about overcoming adversity.

Before he arrived, Maryland went 10 years without a bowl appearance and was 37-73-1 since 1990. Football games were poorly attended, and most Terp fans lost interest once the basketball team held its Midnight Madness ceremony each October.

Friedgen changed all that. He guided Maryland to the ACC title in his first season, took the Terrapins to the Peach Bowl the following year and last season capped another spectacular effort with a rout of West Virginia in the Gator Bowl.

Now, after going 31-8 — the best record by a coach after three seasons in ACC history — Friedgen is looking to keep a good thing going.

The key to the Terrapins' success is tied to the development of sophomore quarterback Joel Statham, who takes over for the dependable Scott McBrien as the leader of an offense that also lost standout running back Bruce Perry.

Statham got his experience under fire last year, coming in relief of an injured McBrien in a road game against Georgia Tech.

He failed to produce a touchdown and Maryland lost the game, but the experience he's gained this summer has Friedgen thinking Statham might develop into a solid quarterback.

"His decision-making has been excellent. The ball's going to the right place a lot of the time," the coach said. "What we have to do better is finish the play."

The oft-injured Perry will be replaced by Josh Allen, a junior who last year led the team in yards rushing (922) and touch-downs (nine). Allen will get help from Sammy Maldonado, whose 2003 season was cut short by a knee injury.

The focal points of the defense are cornerback Domonique Foxworth, who had three interceptions and 45 tackles, and linebacker D'Qwell Jackson who was seventh in the ACC in tackles at 10.5 per game.

A year ago, the Terrapins started the season 1-2 before rallying to give Friedgen his third consecutive 10-win season. Maryland would love to get off to a quick start, but it's essential that the Terrapins be playing their best football in time for a stretch of four games beginning Oct. 23 against Clemson, Florida State, Virginia and Virginia Tech.

"The biggest thing we have to adjust to is the youth at some key positions, such as quarterback," offensive guard C.J. Brooks said. "It think we have the potential to have another really good season. Hopefully we can make it back to 10 wins — or even more."



Breathing room

Emerging Hollings giving Davis breaks in Texans' backfield

By MARK BABINECK

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Domanick Davis picked up right were he left off last year. Then Tony Hollings picked up right where he left off in 2002.

Davis, who missed the first two preseason games with a bum left ankle, ran for 37 yards on his first six preseason carries last week before getting a breather in the thin Denver air.

Enter Hollings, who hasn't been 100 percent since tearing a ligament in his right knee two years ago at Georgia Tech. He took his first carry of the game 27 yards for a score.

"You look at it like, 'Yeah, I did score the touchdown,' but it was the drive [Davis] was in," Hollings said. "When it goes on the board, it doesn't go down as Tony Hollings scoring seven points, it goes down as the Texans scoring seven points."

Last year, Davis' absence would have meant Houston playing a past-his-prime Stacey Mack, an unspectacular Jonathan Wells or a banged-up Hollings.

No more

"Domanick runs so hard he's going to need a break every once in a while," quarterback David Carr said. "Really, the only wat to give him a rest is to take him off the field, because if he's not getting the ball he's going to block someone 60 pounds more than him as hard as he can."



Houston Texans running back Domanick Davis is firmly entrenched as the starter after rushing for 1,031 yards as a rookie last season.

The Texans don't have a two-headed backfield or a running back committee. Davis clearly is "the man" after a breakout rookie season in which the fourth-round draft choice ran for 1.031 vards.

Houston believes it has, for the first time in its young history, an explosive backup who can produce in short bursts or longer if an injury occurs.

Hollings also presents an entire-

ly different style to defenses. Where Davis succeeds using vision, quick cuts and strength,

"He's more of a power runner,"
Hollings said, recalling a play at
Denver when Davis broke six
tackles. "I'm more of a
run-past-you type of guy."

Hollings' threat is speed.



Tony Hollings, above, is developing into a capable backup to Davis, and his speed gives the Texans' offense an added dimension when he enters the game.

The one thing the tailbacks have in common is uncelebrated collegiate careers. Davis got plenty of playing time at Louisiana State, was considered a backup and kick returner.

Hollings had just four starts as

a tailback at Georgia Tech after beginning as a defensive back. In those starts, though, he was leading the nation in 2002 with 633 yards and 11 touchdowns before blowing out his knee. Houston spent a 2003 sec-

Houston spent a 2003 second-round draft pick on him in the supplemental draft, ostensibly as their tailback of the future. He hobbled through last season while Davis changed the Texans' plans with his performance.

Still, Hollings is thrilled he's going to be an important cog.

"I'm just excited to be out there, to be able to run and make cuts full-speed and not worry about my knee, to just play the game," Hollings said.

Davis is more than happy for a

little relief, even if it sometimes means he doesn't score.

"Let me do the dirty work, running in the middle and everything, and he comes in with fresh legs and punches it in," Davis said. "The whole team gets the points. It's not about me or Tony, it's about the team."

Air Force player found innocent of steroid charges

The Associated Pres

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.

— Air Force linebacker Overton
Spence was found innocent of
drug charges Wednesday after
tellling a court-martial he thought
the stemids he had taken were

legal.

Spence wept and hugged teammate Jon Wilson when the verdict was read. He declined to speak to reporters, but his civilian attorney, Serge Herscovici, said Spence hopes to return to the academy football team.

Prosecutor Capt. Garrett Condon had accused Spence of engaging in "a locker room drug deal" that went had.

Spence had signed a statement admitting he bought and used the steroid methandrostenolone but testified that he did not know he had broken the law.

"I never intended to possess or had knowledge of possession of illegal steroids. I only intended to possess legal steroids that you could buy" in any health specialty store, Spence said.

His defense lawyers accused investigators of jumping to conclusions and interrogating Spence before lab tests showed the steroid was illegal.

Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry testified that when Spence told him he was being investigated, the cadet said he thought the supplements were legal.

"He maintained his total innocence as to his not knowing what he was taking," DeBerry said.

Spence, 20, was a backup who played mostly on special teams last season. He was suspended from the team after the charges were filed. It was not immediately clear whether he would be reinstated.

Herscovici said Spence could face a one-year suspension from the NCAA. Spence, a junior, faced up to 10

years' imprisonment if he had been convicted. Three other cadets, including running back Matthew Ward, still

running back Matthew Ward, still face steroid charges. Also, Air Force said Wednes-

day its athletics director will report directly to the school's top officer instead of the second-in-command, reversing a reform imposed after a sexual assault scandal last year.

U.S. volleyball player Stanley gets suspended sentence

ATHENS, Greece — A U.S. Olympic volleyball player was given a 15-month suspended sentence Wednesday for assaulting an officer and resisting arrest.

Clay Stanley, who played at the University of Hawaii, said he was drunk at the time and apologized for Sunday's scuffle at a nightclub following the closing ceremony of the Olympics.

Stanley, who now lives in Greece and plays for a local team, also was charged with assaulting a pregnant woman during the

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scuffle but those charges were subsequently dropped.

The U.S. team completed competition Sunday, losing the bronze medal match to Russia.

Hokies freshman LB Adibi out for year

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Xavier Adibi, a redshirt freshman line-backer at Virginia Tech, will miss the rest of the season after having surgery to reattach a tendon in his right biceps muscle to the humerus bone, the school said Tuesdan.

Adibi was injured in the Hokies' season opening loss to top-ranked Southern Cal in the Black Coaches Association Classic in Landover, Md. He was operated on Tuesday by Dr. Marc Siegel in a one-hour procedure at Montgomery Regional Hospital in Blacksburg.

Mike Goforth, trainer for the Hokies, said Adibi will have He arm in a sling for about six weeks and then undergo six weeks of rehabilitation. He should be ready to return by spring practice next season as a redshirt sophomore, Goforth said.

The Hokies will start senior Mikal Baaqee in Adibi's spot and give redshirt freshman Vince Hall his first start at the mike position against Western Michigan on Sept. 11.

Texas retiring Bevo XIII

AUSTIN — It's official. Bevo XIII, the University of Texas steer mascot, is being put out to pasture to make way for a new longhorn.

Pregame and halftime ceremonies at Saturday night's football home-opener against North Texas will usher in a new Bevo, a 2-year-old checking in at about 1,300 pounds.

Officials with the Silver Spurs spirit club that manages the mascot have been considering retiring the 20-year-old Bevo XIII since before last season's Holiday Bowl.

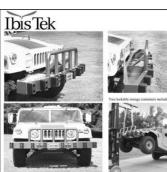
After 16 seasons on the sidelines, they decided he'd had enough.

Bevo XIII is the longest tenured Bevo. With a 124-67-2 record during his tenure, he has seen more Longhorns victories than any other Bevo.

Mystics place Holdsclaw on injured list

WASHINGTON — Chamique Holdsclaw was placed on the injured list Tuesday, meaning she'll miss at least three games for the Washington Mystics.

Holdsclaw has not disclosed the nature of her health problem, which came up in late July and sidelined her for three of Washington's four games before the Olympic break. She is the WN-BA's second-leading scorer behind Seattle's Lauren Jackson.



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DBs Woodson, Sanders report for duty

Raiders' corner ends holdout, signs tender

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Charles Woodson's monthlong holdout didn't yield the "boat load of money" he said he was looking for, so it was time to show up at Oakland Raiders' training camp.

Woodson signed a one-year tender for \$8.782 million on Tuesday, joining the team for the first time after a 33-day hold-

out.
"I think everybody is just ready for me to get in here, and get into the thick of

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things and get ready to things and get ready to play football," he said. "The players, they understand my side. The coaches, all of them have been through it before with other players.

so this is nothing new to anybody. I'm not the first to do this and I certainly won't be the last. I think right now everybody is just ready for me to get out there and play bell."

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Woodson wanted a longterm deal and hoped the leverage of a holdout would force the Raiders to negotiate with him. But before he could talk about another deal or come to camp, he had to sign the tender

offer.

The Raiders placed the franchise tag on Woodson in February. The 27-year-old Woodson, who's entering his seventh proseason, reportedly wants to be the highest paid cornerback in the NFL.

"I'd be lying if'I said it wasn't about the money," Woodson said. "What player doesn't want to make a boat load of money? I'm one of those players. It didn't get done. I'm still going to make great money by any measure this year. We'll see what hap-

Woodson, who also missed all the offseason minicamps, participated in practice and meetings while he tried to catch up with his teammates.

"He says he's doing a lot of running," coach Norv Turner said.

"That's the endurance part of it. Obviously, when you start covering people, change of direction and all that, it's totally different. But he looked really good. He's awful quick. He uses his hands extremely well. He looked real good."

Woodson reported to camp with no guarantee that the Raiders would negotiate a longterm deal and could face the same predicament next offseason.

"We did everything we could do," Woodson said. "We wanted an assurance before I came in here that they were going to do a longterm deal, so as you can see, the tender wasn't signed and we couldn't do a deal. Now I'm here. I signed the tender. And I'm not worrying about the long term or anything like that right now."

Turner said Woodson wouldn't play in Thursday's exhibition finale against St. Louis. Woodson, however, expects to be in the starting lineup when the team opens the regular season on Sept. 12 at Pittsburgh.

"That's my plan," he said. "I don't want to be around and not be playing or starting. So I'm going to do everything I can to get myself ready so ... when we play Pittsburgh, I'll be the starter."

Ravens: After three seasons away from the NFL, Deion Sanders signed with Balti-

more on Tuesday.

The seven-time Pro Bowl cornerback passed his physical and signed a one-year contract laden with incentives. He will



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practice with the team for the first time Wednesday, and expects to play in the Ravens' season opener Sept. 12 against the Cleveland Browns.

Sanders, 37, played corner in his prime, but will be used as a fifth defensive back in Baltimore.

"This game is not all that complicated. We're going to try to ingrain him as quickly as we can," Ravens coach Brian Billick said Tuesday morning. "We have to make sure we know where he's at physically. He's here plenty early enough to have an

ne's nere pienty early enough to have an impact."

Sanders has not played since the 2000 season with the Washington Redskins. He retired on the eve of the team's training camp in 2001, but the Ravens are convinced he's still got enough talent to contribute to their bid to defend the AFC

North title and advance to the Super Bowl. He spent the 2002 and 2003 seasons on CBS' NFL pregame show.

"Based on people we've talked to, opinions we trust, I'm sure there's no question he's going to be able to compete. At the level he competed before? There's very few of us that can do things as well as we did before. At 50, I can attest to that," Billick said.

"But what he will bring to the table for us will be substantial."

Falcons: Rookie cornerback DeAngelo Hall will miss six to 10 weeks with a small fracture on the left side of his hip.

Hall, the No. 8 overall pick and the first cornerback taken in April's draft, had been designated as the starter on the left side three months ago by coach Jim Mora. Kevin Mathis will replace Hall when the Falcons visit Washington on Friday night.

Hall was injured Saturday night after batting down a pass intended for Cincinnati receiver Chad Johnson in the first quarter.

Though he remained in the game for the next four series, Hall told trainer Ron Medlin that he was in pain and an examination revealed the break.

Bucs/Giants: Tampa Bay sent guard Jason Whittle to the Giants for an undisclosed draft choice, returning the guard to the team with which be began his career.

Whittle played for New York from 1998-2002, starting all 14 games he played his final year. He signed last March as a free agent with the Bucs, where he started five games.

The Bucs cut 15 players, including Jason Garrett, who joined them as a free agent from the Giants this year. The 38-year-old Garrett played 11 seasons in the NFL with Dallas and New York, starting nine of the 40 games in which he appeared.

The Giants also waived placekicker Bill Gramatica, brother of Bucs' kicker Martin Gramatica. That makes Todd France New York's kicker.

France, 24, came to training camp third on the depth chart behind two-time incumbent Matt Bryant and Bill Gramatica.

Bryant was waived on the opening day of camp after reporting with a hamstring injury. Gramatica was the No. 1 kicker for the opening preseason game, but he developed back spasms and that opened the door for France

France hit all three of his field goal attempts in the past two games — 51, 42 and 24 yards — and all three extra points. His kickoffs have averaged almost 62 yards.

Patriots: New England released quarterback Jim Miller and placed veteran defensive lineman Dana Stubblefield on injured

Miller hadn't played in any of the Patriots three exhibition games since signing as a free agent last month. He had played for Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Chicago and Tampa Bay before missing last seasing last vasue of an injury to his right shoulder.

His departure leaves New England with Tom Brady, Rohan Davey and Kliff Kingsbury at quarterback.

Stubblefield has an ankle injury. The 1997 NFL defensive player of the year signed as a free agent on Aug. 5 after playing for Oakland last season. In 11 seasons, he also played for San Francisco and Wash-

Cardinals: The Cardinals acquired running back Troy Hambrick and defensive end Peppi Zellner on Tuesday in a trade with the Oakland Raiders. The Cardinals gave the Raiders an undis-

The Cardinals gave the Raiders an undisclosed conditional 2005 draft pick, the team appropried

Hambrick entered the league with the Dallas Cowboys in 2000 as an undrafted rookie free agent out of Savannah State and started all 16 games for Dallas last sea-

He rushed for 972 yards and five touchdowns last year, but was released by the Cowboys on May 13 and signed with the Raiders four days later.

Zellner also broke into the league with the Cowboys. He was drafted by Dallas in 1999. He spent the 1999-2002 seasons with the Cowboys. He played in 16 games for the Redskins a year ago.

D.D. Lewis was placed on injured reserve
Tuesday, ending his 2004 season.
Lewis is scheduled to undergo additional

surgery on his left shoulder on Thursday. He never fully recovered from offseason surgery on the shoulder and had been out since Aug. 14. He was being counted on to start for

Chad Brown, who is expected to miss the first four games of the regular season with a broken left leg.

The third-year pro from Texas played in

15 games last season, starting five, and recorded a career-high 56 tackles. In Seattle's playoff loss to Green Bay, Lewis had 10 tackles.

Jets: Chad Pennington sees more than dollar signs in the rich contract extension he's about to get from the New York Jets.

The quarterback, entering his fifth season, is close to a deal that will net him about \$22 million in guaranteed money. His agent, Tom Condon, and Jets negotiator Mike Tannenbaum, who does not comment on contracts, were meeting Tuesday to finalize details. The contract is expected to run six or seven years.

Condon told the Associated Press:

Condon told the Associated Press:
"There are still a few things to work out."
"Getting an extension is not going to
make me play better or make me rest my

make me play better or make me rest my head easier or anything like that," Pennington said after practice Tuesday. Pennington, the 18th overall pick in the

Pennington, the 18th overall pick in the 2000 draft, has been the Jets' starter in only 23 games. He took over a month into 2002 for the benched Vinny Testaverde and led the team's turnaround to win the AFC East crown and one playoff game. Pennington was the league's most efficient masser.

A year ago, he broke his wrist and hand in an exhibition game and was sidelined for two months. The Jets finished 6-10, and their poor record emphasized Pennington's value.



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New York state of shock

Yankees reeling after historic 22-0 drubbing by Cleveland in Bronx

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The hits and runs kept coming, spinning by on the scoreboard as fast as symbols on a slot machine.

It wasn't just a rout, it was ac pic defeat, the most one-sided in the 101-year history of the New York Yankees. Cleveland's 22-0 victory Tuesday night matched the biggest post-1900 shutout marjin in the major leagues, Pittsburgh's win at the Chicago Cubs on Sept. 16, 1975.

"There's a certain element of embarrassment, no question," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It's hard to handle. It's something you have to bounce back from."

New York's \$180 million collection of All-Stars led the AL East by 10½ games on the morning of Aug. 16 and was expected to romp to its seventh straight division title. Now the Yankees are just 3½ games ahead of Boston for the first time since the morning of June 19. The Red Sox beat Anaheim 10-7 on Tuesday night for their 19th win in 23 games.

Omar Vizquel had six hits to tie the American League record for a nine-inning game, and Javier Vazquez (13-8) was knocked out after 11/3 innings, matching the shortest outing of his major league career.

Cleveland set a record for runs by an opponent in a Yankees' home game, finishing two shy of the most ever against the proud franchise, winner of a record 26 World Series titles.

After watching his original hometown team make the Yan-kees resemble hapless Little Leaguers, New York owner George Steinbremer refused to answer questions as he departed the ballpark. On Wednesday, he issued a statement.

"Sure, we got punished badly last night, but winners never quit and quitters never win," Steinbrenner said. "New Yorkers never quit, and we reflect the spirit of New York."

Cleveland, which had lost eight straight games at Yankee Stadium since June 2001, scored three runs in each of the first three innings, then added six in the fifth. Jody Gerut and Victor Martinez hit three-run homers off Esteban Loaiza in the ninth.

"It's one game," the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez said. "If we win 22-0, we're not going to get credit for three victories."

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Alex Rodriquez throws his bat after striking out to end the fourth inning against Cleveland on Tuesday night in New York. The Yankees' 22-0 loss tied for the biggest shutout defeat in the major leagues since 1900.



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